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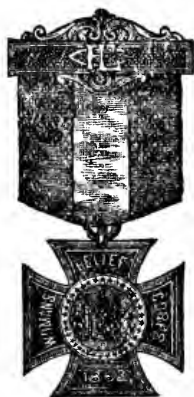
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THIS BOOK IS A RECORD OF SERVICE. Of all the organizations in the world, none is more surely consecrated to service than the Woman's Relief Corps. Not even the church is more sacred than this organization. For here in the W. R. C., women meet who have no other aim on earth in this order than the opportunity to serve.

This book is a story of how they have served. It tells between its lines of thousands of unselfish hours spent making life brighter for others; it tells of heroic work done in the ordinary course of life, of the highest order of courage—that which comes in the daily round of life when to already heavy burdens, others are added; when to the sorrows that come to all lives as they travel toward the sunset, the sorrows of others are added, and when, amid hard work and real trouble, one consistently endeavors to turn the burdens of others into blessings, and to give comfort in their troubles.

So this little book, like scores of its kind printed every year by the W. R. C. all over the land, will be a memorandum for the good St. Peter, and herein he may find records between these lines that will make his big book brighter than it might be, if this record were not printed.

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- 36—Howard, E. M. Stanton Corps, Sarah Hays . . . . .  
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| Emma Zimmerman                                     | Past President |
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| Margaret Greer                                     | Past President |
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| Mary Parker  | Delegate       |
| Martha Leonard                                     | Delegate       |
| Rosa M. Gard                                       | Delegate       |
| Jane Covill  | Delegate       |
| Margaret Magruder                                  | Delegate       |
| Charlotte Thompson                                 | Delegate       |
| 42—Hiawatha, Hiawatha Corps, Leona Nugent          | President      |
| Mary Staley  | Past President |
| 43—Manhattan, Len Gove Corps, Carrie E. Freeman    | Delegate       |
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| Mary White   | Alternate      |
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| 51—Salina, John A. Logan Corps, Carrie Duncan      | Past President |
| Kate Pond  | Past President |
| Emma Engleburg                                     | Delegate       |
| Cora Sherman                                       | Alternate      |
| 52—Beloit, Beloit Corps, Eva Brewer                | President      |
| Jessie Kinslow                                     | Past President |
| Mary Chapel  | Delegate       |
| 53—Fredonia, Philip Harvey Corps, Gertie Vincent   | Past President |
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| Maggie Marshall                                    | Past President |
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| Emma Balcom  | Past President |
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| .....   | Past President |
| 63—Abilene, Abilene Corps, Sylvia Menor .....       | President      |
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| 67—Washington, Kearney Corps, Lou Hillabrant ..     | President      |
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| 70—Emporia, P. B. Plumb Corps, Inez Kincaid .....   | President      |
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| Kate Lewis .....                                    | Delegate       |
| Myrtle Barnes .....                                 | Delegate       |
| Delia Miracle .....                                 | Delegate       |
| Irene Jaggard .....                                 | Alternate      |
| Mrs. Rugley .....                                   | Alternate      |
| 71—Newton, Judson Kilpatrick Corps, Leaverna Wil-   | President      |
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| Florence Shepherd .....                             | Past President |
| Elizabeth Herby .....                               | Past President |
| Elizabeth Ely .....                                 | Past President |
| Luella Reed .....                                   | Past President |
| Mary Pruitt .....                                   | Delegate       |
| Grace Green .....                                   | Delegate       |
| Elvira David .....                                  | Alternate      |
| 72—Council Grove, Wadsworth Corps, Emma Barber..    | Delegate       |
| .....   | Alternate      |
| 73—Burlington, Ilison Corps, Jennie Watrons ..      | Alternate      |
| 74—Concordia, W. T. Sherman Corps, Mattie A. Rice.. | President      |
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| Erie Morrill .....                                  | Delegate       |
| 75—Severance, Severance Corps, Emma Babcock ..      | Delegate       |
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| Elfie Howe .....                                    | Past President |
| Rosa Bugg .....                                     | Past President |
| Melissa Hoffman .....                               | Past President |
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| Mrs. Culter .....                                   | Past President |
| Carrie Davidson .....                               | Delegate       |
| Martha J. Moore .....                               | Delegate       |
| Ella Tay .....                                      | Alternate      |
| 87—Glasco, Glasco Corps, Mary E. almer ..           | Past President |
| Allie Cleaver .....                                 | Past President |

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| 89—Sedgwick, Stephenson Corps, Alice Pollard .             | President      |
| Minerva Tucker . . . . .                                   | Past President |
| Alice Wellman . . . . .                                    | Delegate       |
| 90—Chanute, Chanute Corps, Mary R. Joyce .                 | President      |
| Achsa Hamilton . . . . .                                   | Delegate       |
| 91—Ness City, Ness City Corps, Jennie Morse .              | Delegate       |
| 92—Fort Dodge, Fort Dodge Corps, Permelia Lawler .         | President      |
| Elizabeth Ward . . . . .                                   | Delegate       |
| Sarah Truitt . . . . .                                     | Alternate      |
| 94—Topeka, Topeka Corps, Martha Fitzgerald .               | President      |
| Carrie D. Frisbie . . . . .                                | Past President |
| Grace Effinger . . . . .                                   | Delegate       |
| Mattie Smith . . . . .                                     | Delegate       |
| Elizabeth Adams . . . . .                                  | Alternate      |
| 96—Frankfort, Frankfort Corps, Blanche Auld .              | Delegate       |
| 98—Pittsburg, Pittsburg Corps, D. Willard .                | Past President |
| Minnie Basinger . . . . .                                  | Delegate       |
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| Mary Gibney . . . . .                                      | Past President |
| Roselyn Sawtelle . . . . .                                 | Past President |
| Mary A. Nickolls . . . . .                                 | Delegate       |
| Sarah Cawkins . . . . .                                    | Alternate      |
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| Margaret Kalb . . . . .                                    | Delegate       |
| Emmy Beatty . . . . .                                      | Delegate       |
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| Hannah Owen . . . . .                                      | Delegate       |
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| Adaline Constant . . . . .                                 | Past President |
| Martha Pinyard . . . . .                                   | Past President |
| Lida Keyes . . . . .                                       | Past President |
| Alice Lochran . . . . .                                    | Past President |
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| Viola Yost . . . . .                                       | Delegate       |
| Mrs. Busser . . . . .                                      | Delegate       |
| Lizzie Busser . . . . .                                    | Delegate       |
| Catherine Thompson . . . . .                               | Alternate      |
| Mary Brainard . . . . .                                    | Delegate       |
| Lula McBride . . . . .                                     | Delegate       |
| 112—Belleville, John Brown Corps, Jennie Billingsby .      | President      |
| Arvilla Williams . . . . .                                 | Delegate       |
| Adaline Fleming . . . . .                                  | Alternate      |
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     Sarah Hazen ..... Delegate  
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     Mary Clogston ..... Past President  
     America Miller ..... Delegate
- 135—Courtland, Courtland Corps, Millie Dickerdoff Delegate
- 137—Mount Hope, G. A. Gilbert Corps, Margaret Baird  
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     Mattie Randall ..... Past President  
     Maria Kasenbury ..... Past President
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     ..... Delegate
- 145—Iola, McCook Corps, Elizabeth Ball ..... President  
     Margaret Anderson ..... Past President  
     Ona Lamb ..... Delegate  
     Susie Ames ..... Delegate  
     Anna Beard ..... Delegate
- 146—Lyndon, Lyndon Corps, Louie Alcott . Past President
- 149—Norton, Captain Jarvis Corps, Elizabeth Smith .. President  
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     Belinda Griffith ..... Delegate
- 156—Harper, McKinley Corps, Lizzie Edwards .... Delegate
- 171—Coffeyville, Sheridan Corps, Lydia Huggins.. President  
     Ida Akers ..... Delegate  
     Gertrude Ingmire ..... Delegate
- 172—Blue Rapids, Robert Hale Corps, Agnes Godding .. Delegate  
     ..... Delegate
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     Eunice Darst ..... Past President
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     Ella Kingscott ..... Past President  
     Rose Thacher ..... Past President  
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     Mary McGahan ..... Delegate
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     ..... Delegate  
     Emma Turner ..... Delegate
- 185—Moline, E. O. C. Ord Corps, June Gill Past President  
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| 206—Marysville, Lyon Corps, Edith Rosebury . . . . .           | Delegate       |
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| 208—Wellington, James Shields Corps, Martha Beal . . . .       | Delegate       |
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| Lizzie Staltz . . . . .  | Past President |
| Anna Jacobs . . . . .  | Past President |
| Fannie Day . . . . .   | Past President |
| Sarah Kirk . . . . .   | Past President |
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| Mary E. Weger . . . . .  | Delegate       |
| Sarah English . . . . .  | Delegate       |
| Delila Tritt . . . . .   | Alternate      |
| 213—Herington, Herington Corps, Alice Stiff . . . . .          |                |
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| Clara Tripp . . . . .  | Past President |
| Lena Bradshaw . . . . .  | Past President |
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| Ellen Doles . . . . .  | Past President |
| 230—Derby, Baldwin Corps, Emma Church . . . . .                | President      |
| Susan Pitman . . . . .   | Past President |
| L. Kirby . . . . .   | Past President |
| Mollie Haughey . . . . .                                       | Past President |
| Anna Blood . . . . .   | Alternate      |
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| Vinnie Fulkerson . . . . .                                     | Delegate       |
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| 238—Seneca, George Graham Corps, Winifred Jenkins . . . . .    |                |
| . . . . .  | Past President |
| 239—Tescott, Anderson Corps, Catherine Street . . . . .        |                |
| . . . . .  | Past President |
| Sue Tozier . . . . .   | Past President |
| 240—Garden City, James R. Fulton Corps, Lou Warden . . . . .   |                |
| . . . . .  | Past President |
| Martha Roberts . . . . .                                       | Past President |
| Louisa Hamer . . . . .   | Past President |
| Laura Myers . . . . .  | Past President |
| Mary Larmor . . . . .  | Delegate       |
| 241—LaCrosse, LaCrosse Corps, Frances Scranton . . . . .       |                |
| . . . . .  | Past President |
| Florence Tyler . . . . .                                       | Delegate       |
| 242—Toronto, Toronto Corps, Mary Peterson . . . . .            | President      |

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- 247—Greensburg, Joe Butterfield Corps, Helen Fisher .  
..... Past President  
Freedra Lyon ..... Past President  
254—Ellis, Ellis Corps, May Griffith ..... President  
Anna Walker ..... Past President  
Mayme Oliver ..... Delegate  
259—Baxter Springs, Baxter Corps, Jennie V. Brewster .  
..... Past President  
Mary Linn ..... Alternate  
261—Erie Corps, Ella Baker ..... Past President  
Mary Spring ..... Delegate  
262—Caney, Burney Corps, Marguerite Land Past President  
263—Oskaloosa, Jules Williams Corps, Ida Coons . Delegate  
267—Lost Springs, Barnhill Corps, Lillian Waylan Alternate  
270—Peru, Peru Corps, Jennie Conner .... Past President  
Samantha Shaltz ..... Past President  
271—Leavenworth, Thomas Brenmen Corps, Maggie  
Chasey ..... President  
Lydia Cressna ..... Delegate



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of the  
Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention  
**Women's Relief Corps**  
Department of Kansas

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*Tuesday Afternoon—Open Session.*

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Department of Kansas, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, was called to order in the First Baptist Church, in Wichita, Kansas, at 1:30 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, May 21, 1912, by Department President Lillian A. Hendricks.

A piano solo was rendered by Miss Grace Kaltenbach, followed by prayer by Rev. D. Y. Bagby, pastor of the church.

Mrs. Alice Huffman, president of Corps No. 40, Wichita, made the following address of welcome:

Mrs. President, Sisters, Friends: To you who come from the strongholds of our fraternity in every part of the state, in the name of the City of Wichita, I bid you welcome.

We welcome you, not as strangers, but as brothers and sisters (comrades, in every sense of the word), enlisted in a common cause.

This is one of the proud moments of my life; it affords me great pleasure to extend to you a sincere and hearty welcome to our beautiful city, the Peerless Princess of the great Southwest, than which none is fairer. This city of civic magnificence has budded and blossomed during the past forty years. At the point where the rivers meet, where once stood a trading post, sod houses and Indian tepees, trade gave it

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prominence; then the town builders were in evidence. From this beginning we can show you 65,000 persons who are proud and glad to be numbered among us. We point with pride to our fine residences, our farms, the pride of the West, our twenty-two public schools and 9000 school children, over twenty private schools and colleges, business and denominational, our high school, the finest in Kansas, a seat of learning the largest in the world except one, our Masonic Temple, the finest Masonic building in the world, devoted exclusively to Masonry, our scores of beautiful parks, our churches, our boulevards, our miles of street railway and paving, and best of all, our generous, loyal, noble-hearted citizens who are pleased to have you with them.

We now give into your keeping the key of our city. (Presents President with a huge gilded key, three feet in length.) That which is not wide open will yield readily upon its approach. We open unto you our hearts and homes, and trust that this convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, will prove the best ever.

Miss Myrtle Mae Pruitt then gave a selection on the harp.

Mrs. Kate C. Kilmer, of Kansas City, made the following response to the address of welcome:

Mrs. Huffman, Department President, Officers, Members and Visitors: I fully and sincerely appreciate the honor conferred upon me by our Department President in granting me the privilege of representing our Department at this time.

On behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, I thank you for your cordial greeting and kind words of welcome, which will always remain with us as a pleasant memory.

We congratulate ourselves upon being invited to this beautiful city of Wichita—well named "The Peerless Princess of the Southwest;" with its numerous lines of railroads putting it in direct communication with a vast territory, its 600 miles of streets, seventy of which are paved, its ten parks and numerous places of amusement, it is indeed, a city well worth visiting.

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I have viewed with interest her sixty-eight churches, two large hospitals, her Masonic Temple and Home, and the second largest I. O. O. F. Lodge in the world in its own building; her business associations and all her numerous organizations have extended a most royal welcome to us all.

The reputation of Garfield Corps No. 40 for hospitality and generosity is state-wide; its membership of over 300 makes it the banner Corps of the Department, and we wish to thank each individual member for caring for our interests while we are in their city.

We have gathered here to review the work of the past year, and to plan for the future of the department. It was in the years of '78-'79 that the movement began to organize the loyal women of this country, and they responded to the call to promote the great principles of "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty;" and today the Woman's Relief Corps is the great auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, with a membership of over 165,000.

A large part of our duties as an organization is the teaching of patriotism; and, today, we stand as the largest organization of patriotic women in the world.

The Grand Army of the Republic is a peculiar organization in that its doors open only upon a presentation of a faded piece of paper, which certifies the honorable discharge from the army or navy of the United States of America. There are no waiting ranks from which recruits can be drawn to supply; money cannot buy its privileges or purchase its honors.

The gaps in the picket lines are becoming wider each day, and the time is but brief when a solitary sentinel shall stand guard, waiting for the bugle call to muster out the last comrade.

We have in the past made bright the homes of our veterans and their widows and orphans, and defended our flag; let us continue this good work with zeal and ardor throughout the years that our Heavenly Father gives us, that we may hear the final "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."





CORA M. DAVIS  
National President



JENNIE B. HIGGINS  
National Secretary, W. R. C.  
1911-1912

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Patriotic Instructor, Lilla C. Godfrey, of Newton, then presented two silk flags to the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church.

*Patriotic Instructor:* Mr. Nighswonger, Mrs. President and Ladies: It is useless for me to try to tell the Woman's Relief Corps anything about the presentation of flags, it is not new to them; but to those who do not know, it has been a custom for several years to present flags to schools. We have presented them to high schools and public schools and are now placing them in the Sunday Schools. There is no better way to teach patriotism than by instilling it into the child through his eyes. To teach patriotism is one of our great objects, and I hope that these flags will be placed where the children will look upon them and learn to reverence them. On behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, I present to you these two silk flags for the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church of Wichita.

*Mr. Frank Nighswonger:* Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps They seem to have gotten some things mixed up today. I am not the superintendent of the Sunday School, but it is my great pleasure to stand in his place and receive these two flags, tokens of your regard and esteem of the Sunday School of this church. I am in the position of a minute man today. A short time ago I received a message from the janitor of the church to come up here immediately and he did not tell me what I was to come for. Coming over in haste, I wondered if the building had collapsed or whether there was something out of order up here that required my immediate attention. I assure you that I have been agreeably surprised when I entered the house and found it filled with ladies, and I assure you that I appreciate the privilege which I have today, of accepting these flags from your hands, and on behalf of the church, I wish to extend to you a cordial welcome and best wishes. To my mind there is nothing more appropriate than to have those who represent the patriotic bodies of the country assemble in the churches, for patriotism comes next to the word of God; and I assure you, being called as I have today, on such short

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notice, that while I lack fluency of speech, that you will credit me with what I desire to say. Referring to these beautiful flags which you have presented to us, they appeal to you because they awaken associations in your minds when you see them. They remind you of the day when you were called upon to make sacrifices for your country; when the wives were compelled to make sacrifices that the country might live, with what sorrow they realized it was their privilege to do something for their country. They saw their sons, husbands and brothers go forth that the flag might maintain its place in history. I sympathize with you in your regard of these beautiful emblems of your country. It appeals to me because I look back to 1776 when my grandfather, just at the time when he ought to have been in school and preparing himself for the duties of life, responded to the stern call of war and went forth to battle in the Continental Army. For four years he fought in the Army of the Continentals under Washington. So these flags appeal to me with peculiar force because they were associated in the early history with the sacrifices that my ancestors made in our nation's behalf. Last summer, in the City of Philadelphia, on the 14th day of June, Flag Day, I went down to the old Betsy Ross house on Arch Street. Some of you may have been there, and I entered that sacred edifice where the flag was designed, here both Betsy Ross and Morris Ross, financier of the Revolution, lived. I saw them putting up a tablet in memory of them. It bears many memories of the place where this beautiful flag was designed. But while we are sad and the years have brought no less duties nor obligations on our part, As Lincoln said on the field of Gettysburg: "It was for the welfare and security of the country that the brave boys offered up their lives on that field and struggled to establish the national emblem through the long years from 1861 to 1865 and we should treat them with tenderness and attention; it is our duty in these times of peace to teach patriotism to the young, and the principles for which this flag stands." I wish to say in conclusion that there is no more proper emblem you could present to our

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school than these two flags. While I am not the superintendent of the Sunday School, I would feel it my duty to instill into the minds of the young a feeling of duty and reverence for the flag and for what it stands. I wish to thank you again for this token of your regard. We receive them with pleasure and will cherish them in our memories in days to come.

*Department President:* I am informed that a visitor is in waiting. Color bearers, attention. Conductor, you will retire and present to this platform Commander T. P. Anderson.

*Conductor:* I take great pleasure in presenting to you, Commander Anderson.

*Department President:* You will conduct Commander Anderson to this platform. Convention, I have the pleasure of presenting to you my commander. Color bearers, you will retire and escort the committee from the Grand Army of the Republic.

*Conductor:* Mrs. President, I take great pleasure in presenting to you, Past Department Commanders Morgan, Coney, Campbell and Harris.

*Department President:* Commanders, the pleasure today is ours. This presentation of these flags has been planned and looked forward to for the past year. I hope you will receive them with as much pleasure as it gives us to present them. Our patriotic instructor will make the presentation of these flags.

*Patriotic Instructor:* I will not detain you long; but one year ago it happened to be my pleasure to overhear a conversation between two of the comrades. They did not know I was to be the next Patriotic Instructor. I thought then that if I lived until this time I would ask the Department to allow us to present to the comrades this set of flags. Not all of the talkers are here at least one of them is not, I refer to Mr. Bernard Kelley. He said, in my hearing, to Commander Campbell, "Say, let's you and I get us a flag and put on style like the ladies do." Commander Campbell agreed, and that remark was the cause of bringing to this Department this set of flags. We appreciate it as an honor to be allowed to give them and hope they will use these colors in their conventions as long as they may last.

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*Department President:* Commander, I assure you it is a pleasure and we wish you to have every opportunity to put on all the style possible. And I know when our committee comes over they will feel honored. Commander Morgan, you will escort all who enter under this beautiful banner that they may know you honor this flag. Commander Coney, it will be your duty to see that they are at their proper places at the altar. Commander Campbell, your service will be to bear this as a badge of allegiance. Commander Harris, you will have this banner present at all institutions and installations. To keep always in view the flag to remind you of the sacred duty before you. Convention salute.

*Commander Anderson:* Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps of Kansas and members: I assure you that I feel very grateful and very kindly and I assure you that all of my comrades in Kansas will greatly appreciate and thank you for this very great kindness in presenting to us free of charge these colors so that we may put on style, as all the young men who belong wish to do.

*Department President:* Color bearers, you will escort the comrades to the rear of the room and return to your stations. I hope that the comrades will be able to stay for the convention this afternoon. Do not think because you have gotten a few playthings, that you must leave us.

*Department President:* Color bearers, provide yourselves with colors. Conductor, you will escort the commander to the rear of the room.

The President then made her Annual Report to the convention.

Members of This Convention:

### OFFICIAL VISITS

I have made sixty-three official visits, inspected eleven corps, and have traveled over eight thousand miles by railroad and automobile. This includes my trip to national convention and the present convention, and I still feel I have been unable to do all the honor conferred and demanded of me.

All corps extended such earnest appeals, especial-

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ly the smaller corps, that it was very hard for me to be compelled to decline the pleasure. My enforced illness for a few months and the waiting of an unusually cold winter to pass, prevented me from accepting many of these kind invitations.

On the 27th of July, I met the committee of the John Brown Memorial Park at Osawatomie. A part of the time I was the guest of Major and Mrs. J. B. Remington. A delightful trip over the historical grounds was part of the day's pleasure.

An invitation to fill a place on the program of the Kansas Woman's Press Association to speak in behalf of our organization was gladly accepted, and I was anticipating such a happy visit to No. 43 as well, but sudden illness prevented my going, and I appointed Evalyn Bradford Knipe to be my representative, the 14th of May.

The date for the dedication of Pawnee Rock conflicted with our convention date; it was impossible for me to be in two places at the same time, so Mrs. Emma Forter was appointed to represent the Woman's Relief Corps.

### CORPS

Three new corps have been organized; one at Cottonwood Falls, John W. Geary, No. 16, with twenty-two charter members. One at McCracken, No. 243, with twenty-two charter members, and one at Coyville, with twenty charter members,

The Department is under special obligations to Past Department Commander Morgan, Henrietta Ayers, president of No. 16, Maggie Dornblaser, Past Department Treasurer, Belle Ryde, Department Aide, Special Aide, Clara Crawford, of No. 241, Commander Bixon and others in assisting in instituting these new Corps.

Corps at Thayer, Dodge City, Chetopa and a Colored Corps at Cherryvale, are all in line for organizations if properly cared for; also one at Cedarvale.

No. 45, at Longton, had the misfortune to lose all their supplies by fire, but by personal gifts, aid from the department, and by their own zeal, not a

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meeting was lost. New life, excellent reports and renewed energy was the result of their loss.

In our corps at times, a seeming cloud has arisen on the horizon, but by good counsel to me and my advice to them, which was accepted kindly in every instance, when fully understood, I have been able to persuade each one the better way, forgive and try again, also to keep the family troubles within their own corps. It is far better to "smooth out the wrinkles" and keep on trying, a past department president has kindly said to me, many times.

As far as I know, at the present time, all is peace and harmony within our Department.

### INCORPORATION

By advice of my lawyer, Judge O. L. Moore, and my council, after placing the subject before them, I decided it was best to defer this work and once more place it before this convention, feeling I did not care to assume the responsibility and possibly be censured later for being too hasty in the matter.

### CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence at headquarters, at times, has been almost overwhelming. In every instance I have tried to answer all communications and questions asked to the number of seven thousand and fifty-four, (7054), about an average of eighteen letters per day during the year. Many days the number exceeded the average while at other times it was less. The largest day's mail sent from headquarters was three hundred commissions and thirty-two letters. The next largest day was one hundred and twenty-one commissions and twenty-nine letters.

The Corps of our Department as well as all national and heads of department officers have been addressed by:

General Orders; 8 Department, and 8 National.

Circular letters, 7; National, 5.

Department President's circular letter, 1.

Department Senior President's Aide Booklet, circular letter, 1.



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Department Senior Vice-president, circular letter, 1.

Department Inspector, 1.

Department Patriotic Instructor, 1.

Department Senior Aide, 1

Three questions have been submitted by mail to my council for approval or disapproval as they best thought.

Approval of trustees for the John Brown Memorial Park, the answer was "Yes."

Incorporation, the answer was No. This subject will come up in our convention.

### W. R. C. MEMORIAL TABLET

With the assistance of Julia Campbell, we now have plenty of data, you may be able to have the final plans decided and the price you wish to pay for the same.

### DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

I attended but the one at Iola. A misunderstanding of dates between the president and secretary of Pittsburg Corps and the president of the Third District, was the cause of my dates being arranged in such a way it was impossible for me to be with them, which I very much regret. However, I did the next best thing and sent our department press correspondent, Ida Heacock-Baker to act as my representative, and she inspected No. 69, at Oswego, for all of which she has my grateful thanks.

### REUNIONS

I attended three reunions, Dodge City, August 13 and 14; Cherryvale, August 18, and Topeka, September 25. I made an address at each place. Many receptions have been tendered to me, all of which I have enjoyed, and will ever hold in fond remembrance.

### PATRIOTIC EDUCATION

The great privilege, as an organization, to assist in advancing this noble cause in our homes and our schools should be an incentive for all, to show

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to the world that the Woman's Relief Corps has improved every opportunity granted us.

Kansas has the honor of being the home of the author of the pledge of allegiance to our flag used in our schools throughout the United States; Cherryvale the city, and the Cherryvale High School the place, where it was written. How appropriate, by a scholar and in the school room.

Patriotic education has been the dominant work of the year, other than aid for our comrades and their dependent ones. Never before in the history of our Department have so many flags floated to the breeze. It has been my earnest endeavor to see our flag in every schoolroom in our department.

Never before has so much enthusiasm been manifested for "Old Glory." Much credit is due my faithful Department Patriotic Instructor and her staff of patriotic aides. She has given much time and prompt attention to my every suggestion and request. Her care for her staff of aides, while not so large as my senior aide, called for much loyal work in preparing programs for schools, etc.

Many requests for flags from different educational institutions have come to me during the year. I have had the pleasure of seeing all such requests fulfilled, either as a corps, work of a faithful aide, an individual member and your Department President to the number of twenty-one for personal credit.

Throughout the year, the days your Department President was in the headquarters city, a beautiful flag 8x15 feet, has floated over department headquarters. This flag was presented to me by my home corps, No. 84, as a token of appreciation for the honor conferred by our department upon one of their members.

We should teach the children and tell them of the meanings of the many sacrifices made by our comrades. Teach them so to live and obey the laws of our land that wherever our flag floats in any clime, that it will say to the world, (and it does say), I am the symbol of that country whose people live the teach-

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ings of Jesus Christ, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, with liberty and justice for all.

I would recommend that the Department President, through General Orders, at the time the call is made for the flag fund, to be used for the purchase of the flag presented to the convention city school each year, be given some definite idea as to the amount the Corps send. Many corps are small and cannot send very much, and the amount it could send it thinks too small to offer. This flag is a gift from the Corps of our department and if each Corps sent one cent for every member, the amount would be equal and just and so small that each member would gladly give it personally and not draw it from the Corps general fund, the honor and pleasure being equally shared by all.

### DEPARTMENT AIDES

With a justifiable pride, a heart overflowing with prayer and thankfulness that this year has safely passed and that there is much loyal work to the credit of my official aide family to the number of 474 department and department special aides, and thirty-one department special patriotic aides, making a total of 505 aides.

Fully realizing that in our department there were many members of as long standing as myself, never having received the honor of an office on the department staff, many members nearly at the close of their active service, and like our comrades, companions of their lives in many instances, slowly but surely laying aside this loyal work, and wishing to give them the honor and pleasure of one year's active service as a department aide, I decided upon this plan to keep our ranks filled, as so many are being "called home," and others are dropping out.

As a national aide on the staff of Cora M. Davis, I took this up as my special work to serve her and our department as well. The aides were asked to secure at least one member, as in this kind of work they were still able to render active service and no hardship was connected with it; thus having the satisfaction of knowing that they, by their own efforts, secured some

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one to take up this work where they must lay it aside. Aides have reported with lists of members from twenty-two down to one, and have given faithful service.

I wished to place this before you in its true light, knowing I have been criticized quite severely by a number for my seeming extravagance as to printing cost of commissions and mailing of same, making such a heavy demand on our department funds. Not one penny has been drawn from our department fund to carry on any part of this work. This will fully explain and answer the question asked so many times during the past year: Why did you appoint so many aides?

*Senior Aide, Mollie Jones Lease:* Our aide family has been very large, the work calling for hours of time and service in giving advice and counsel to this part of our work that all might be kept busy during the time of their appointment. You have been an Aide to me in many ways, and the duties involved upon you, I trust will continue to bring good results to our department for many years to come. Your work is fully appreciated and words fail to express my thanks. Take this—it is just a visible token to remind you of my love and our past year's work. (Presenting a beautiful gift).

### NATIONAL CONVENTION

The trip to Rochester to attend the National Convention, with Department Commander T. P. Anderson and wife and official staff, accompanied by department secretary, and our W. R. C. delegation, was a most enjoyable time.

Our headquarters were at the Eggleston Hotel and were shared with the Ladies of the G. A. R., likewise the expense. Rochester is rightfully named the "Flower City."

We held a reception in honor of our commander. With the assistance of Mrs. Dickerson and her faithful staff and the quartet on the W. R. C. staff, they made the comrades and visitors feel as if they were attending a big family reunion, which it really was.

There was just a little rain and a few clouds during our stay, but am happy to say there was nothing

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but sunshine at our headquarters and within our hearts, and to such an extent with our comrades that it called forth the following resolution:

"Resolved, By the delegates, alternates, past department commanders, officers and members of the Department of Kansas, G. A. R., in meeting assembled at Department Headquarters, at the Eggleston Hotel, at Rochester, N. Y., on the 23d day of August, 1911, in attendance at National G. A. R. Encampment, that we do most ardently commend and endorse the splendid fraternal conduct of the department officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, and of the Ladies of the G. A. R., of Kansas, in co-operating and uniting in their headquarters room and in holding their magnificent reception jointly, last night in the parlors of the Eggleston Hotel, thereby uniting socially their patriotic loyalty to us and the basic principles of our organization, and we congratulate each of these splendid organizations and our order upon this excellent attainment, and pray that it may continue until both organizations shall harmoniously unite into one exalting auxiliary."

I greatly appreciate this public acknowledgement and assure you, comrades, as far as in my power to do, it will be repeated once more, and I hope for your happiness as well as for all, many more times to follow, and that your final prayer in your beautiful resolution will be answered in time for you to be a living witness and enjoy the happy result.

Ida Wilson Moore, National Secretary, faithful and true, did not forget her Kansas Headquarters and made a delightful call, thus proving her loyalty to her department. Her visit was another added ray of sunshine at Kansas Headquarters.

### MEMORIAL DAY

As the years pass by, the duties of this day increase, the number of graves to be decorated by loving and willing hands, numbers more each year, and how sad to see the line of march growing thinner, as each year passes by. Many corps responded to the calls for funds for the Southern Memorial Fund. Let us ever remember and render tender, loving assist-

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ance in decorating the graves of those who by their deeds of valor on land or sea made it possible for you and I to live under the folds of our "Starry Banner."

### G. A. R. MEMORIAL HALL

At the laying of the corner stone for Memorial Hall, at Topeka, by W. H. Taft, President of the United States, assisted by the Grand Army of the Republic, my pleasure on this occasion was to prepare the memorial in behalf of the Department of Kansas Woman's Relief Corps, place it in the box, witness the sealing and placing of same in the corner stone.

The contents of the memorial for our order was as follows: A full size copy of our department charter, with names of charter corps, the 1911 roster, a list of every department officer and year of service, the reports of department presidents and photographs, also that of her husband, if past department commander. Having no report of "my" commander's work, nor of mine, I placed the endorsement of both and the photographs of each. This package was enclosed in a white sheepskin cover, booklet form, with one of our salute flags on the cover, also the pledge of allegiance and the name of the author, which was in my endorsement. This cover was tied with white satin ribbon and I used as a seal, our red, white and blue corps badge. I trust this will meet with the approval of my department.

### FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Each year finds us more devoted to the Grand Army of the Republic. The year just past has witnessed a special effort by our aides, also members in the reinstatement of post members and securing new members for both post and corps, or, dues and initiation, as the individual case required. The expressions of loyalty to us as their auxiliary, the warm greetings, also words of appreciation for our part in this line of our work, is very gratifying to the Woman's Relief Corps. Bearing in mind their services to their country's call, we can never do too much for the Grand Army of the Republic; for without the Union veteran

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there would be no Republic of America today; none to do honor to the stars and stripes. America is great because her states are united; she is mighty because North and South are one; she is honored by the nations of the earth because she is prosperous and mighty, and she is mighty today because of the victories won by our comrades and the members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

### SONS OF VETERANS

Just a word of praise in behalf of this most worthy organization. A camp of twenty-two members has been organized in Cherryvale, the past year. It is a beautiful sight to witness them as escort for the Grand Army of the Republic on many occasions. It is the duty, and should be the pleasure of the members of the Woman's Relief Corps, to assist in every way possible, the organization of new camps. The thanks of this year's administration of the Woman's Relief Corps, are hereby extended to them for many courtesies received.

### CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

I have issued six dispensations, also three new charters and have received one from General Bull, No. 38; and one from Ionia No. 86, and one from No. 66. These corps have disbanded regularly. I have also issued two charters to replace old ones. One to No. 71, and one to Longton, No. 45, whose charter was burned, with all supplies.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

To our National President, Cora M. Davis, I wish to extend my grateful appreciation for her kind letters of encouragement, helpful counsel, words of advice when in times of doubt, also for conferring the honor, allowing me to name for appointment from our department, the post, corps and special national aides on her national staff of aides.

To Gov. W. R. Stubbs, for confirming appointments and courteous replies to all questions asked.

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To Mr. Arthur Capper for space in his valuable paper, given so freely to our department.

To Mr. William Allen White for his kindness in many ways to our department officers pertaining to the work for the good of our order.

To Fred D. Moffett for space in his valuable paper and many courtesies extended to the department president and also to members of No. 84.

To Hon. W. A. Calderhead for his many favors and assistance to our Order and also the kind expressions in behalf of your department president also filling her place on the program of the Fifth District convention at Marysville, November 1 and 2.

To Lieutenant-Governor Hopkins and his mother, Lizzie Hopkins, for assisting in our noble work and for a pleasant visit to their home, I wish especially to thank them.

To Commander G. F. Pendarvis, of Parsons, I fully appreciate your loyalty in acting as my representative at the reunion at Erie.

To our comrade, Judge O. L. Moore, as my advisor and counselor in matters of law, so freely given without price to our Department. Accept our thanks; we will ever remember your kindness.

To my Commander, T. P. Anderson, for his wise counsel, cordial support and words of encouragement and appreciation, I am truly grateful. I am indebted to both our commander and his gracious wife for pleasant entertainment.

To assistant Adjutant General J. M. Miller, I wish to acknowledge my sincere thanks and appreciation of kindness to me as special aide on the staff of the G. A. R. It would have been impossible for me to have accomplished many parts of the work so successfully without his valuable assistance.

Words fail me to express all I would like to say to my dear secretary. Loyal in the discharge of her duties, faithful and true. She has tided me over the rough places and has been to me a tower of strength. With what confidence I placed the duties of my office within her keeping and care, during the time I was compelled to lay them aside and submit to the inevitable. At all time our relations have been most



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pleasant. Not one cloud to mar the workings of the year in our official capacity or otherwise, and I trust they will always so remain.

To my official family, each and every one, for faithful service, words of encouragement, beautiful flowers and flags, I am truly thankful. I assure you, while memory serves me, they will never be forgotten.

To the members of our department as individuals, or as corps, and the district conventions held during the time that I was to have been with them, for your prayers, words of love and sympathy, I thank you, sisters, all most sincerely thank you.

To Ida E. Dickerson, Department President, Ladies of the G. A. R., Captain Wallace Foster, Isabell Worrell Ball, Ida M. Trenary and June R. Gill, my thanks are due for special courtesies and words of comfort. To all I say, thank you, my dear sisters.

To the following past department commanders: P. H. Coney, W. A. Morgan, Charles Harris, Major J. B. Remington and Bernard Kelley. Each has rendered valuable assistance to me in my work of the past year.

To Ira Cashner for the beautiful gavel sent me to be used during the sessions of this convention.

To all, each and every one, special thanks are due and grateful appreciation is extended in behalf of our department and my sincere thanks to each one.

*Department Senior Vice-President:* The Department President's address will be referred to the proper committee. Mrs. Hendricks, on behalf of the Department Woman's Relief Corps, I have the pleasure to present to you for your faithful and loyal services to the Department of the Woman's Relief Corps of Kansas, this little token from them to Lillian A. Hendricks. (Presents check for \$50.)

*Department Secretary:* My dear Department President, with a heart just full of love, I wish to present to you this little token, as bright as your own self. Not one shadow has come into our relations with each other and I am glad it is so. (Presents cut glass punch bowl).

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*Department President:* I thank you, my faithful Secretary. Words fail to express all that I would like to say.

*Mary McFarland:* The sunshine of the W. R. C's. president is reflected, in the rainbow. Your loyal official family present their love. (Presents cut glass sugar and creamer). It reflects these colors anew, bright glorious emblems, the red, the white and the blue.

*Department President:* My official family, I thank you, one and all. This is a beautiful reminder, but I did not need it to feel all you have in your hearts.

*Department I and I.:* It needs no words of mine to tell you how much your official family appreciates the acts of kindness and courtesy you have shown each one of us. Please accept these small tokens "with memories of old, and wishes new, with love that never wanes." May you keep through the year the wish that banishes pain, and accept from us these silver spoons.

*Department Secretary:* You have all heard Mrs. Hendricks refer to Frank Bellamy, author of our pledge. Mr. Bellamy is not here, but I wish to read the following: "Mrs. Nation, I send you my regrets that I cannot be at the convention, but bear my compliments to them and present this beautiful banner to 'Mother Hendricks,' from the artist, Frank Bellamy." (Presents banner of leather with Indian head painted on it and inscribed "To my friend and benefactor, Mother Hendricks, Department President, W. R. C. of Kansas.") From the artist, Frank E. Bellamy, presented at the Wichita Convention, May 21, 1912.

*Department Senior Aide:* And now, my dear Department President, I present you with this dish from the special aides.

*Department Secretary:* Now, you know when Mrs. Hendricks appointed her many aides, she did not want them to pay 25 cents as they generally do. All she wanted was a word from each one and when she sent your commissions there were blank pages in each on which you might send a word of love to her. That was to be the present of these aides to



MARY J. McFARLAND  
Department Senior Vice President



KATE C. KILLMER  
Department Junior Vice President

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her. When they asked why they were not to pay the 25 cents, we told them that Mrs. Hendricks would only want those letters which mean so much to her. They will be bound in a book which she will preserve as the sweetest memory.

*Department President:* My Secretary of the Year: While you were writing so many letters and spending many hours to accomplish that work, to relieve me and give me peace of mind, I prepared this little token of love and affection and every stitch is a thought for you and every stitch represents my love for you. (Presents her with a drawn-work tablecloth and sideboard scarf.)

*Department Secretary:* Every stitch made by our Department President. Mrs. President, I thank you.

*Department President:* Mollie Lease, I have for you a little token. Take it with all the love in my heart, a visible token of my love for you. (Presents china).

*Department Patriotic Instructor, Lilla C. Godfrey:* Mrs. President, we all enjoy salads and salad dressings, and salad, they say, is the spice of life to a certain extent. Accept this with my love as a reminder that I have appreciated your work during the year past. (Presents a beautiful salad bowl).

*Department President:* I am sure I did not deserve it but I thank you.

*Department President:* And now, Sister Good, I wish to place in your hands a little token of appreciation to remind you that I appreciate your faithful service and acts of kindness; accept this with the love I have for you. (Presents a beautiful hand-painted plate.)

*Mrs. Good:* I certainly thank you for this little gift and I am sure I appreciate it. This is a surprise, but I thank you.

*Department President:* Rose C. Thatcher, once more I wish to express to you my love and appreciation and when you drink from this pitcher, drink to our friendship, and remember that it is a token of my appreciation of your faithful work and your aid to me.

*Rose C. Thatcher:* I hardly know how to thank you for such a beautiful present. It is always nice

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to be remembered, but to be remembered by a dear friend adds a double joy. Mrs. Hendricks, I thank you very much.

*Department President:* Mrs. McFarland, just a little token of my love for you. (Presents a hand-painted plate to each officer, and to the following: Lulu House, Maggie Dornblazer, Mrs. Staplin, Jennie D. Brewster, Louisa VanDyne.

*Department President:* Mrs. Staplin, a little token of my love for you.

*Department President:* Mrs. Peters, just a little reminder of your faithfulness as I go by.

*Department President:* Mrs. Michaelis, for the sake of old times and long years that have passed as we walked side by side. May they continue, is the wish of one who appreciates your past services.

*Mrs. Michaelis:* A W. R. C. woman should always have something to say, but this is such a surprise, I am not ready. I thank you.

*Department President:* To my Department Treasurer, Florence A. Bunn, loving greetings.

*Florence A. Bunn:* I think, ladies, that I am surprised, I thank you very much.

*Department President:* And last, but not least, Julia McCarthy Wood. Julia, we have always been a little spoony on one another. We are still spoony. (Presents silver spoon).

*Julia McCarthy Wood:* This is certainly unexpected. I thank you.

*Department President:* Now, we will come to order and proceed with the regular business. We will now hold memorial service for the members who have died during the year. Belle C. Harris, our past national president, will sing "Till We Get Home." (This was given with harp accompaniment.)

*Belle C. Harris:* I wish to move that an expression of sympathy be sent to the family, on the loss of Comrade Griffith.

*Marian S. Nation:* I second the motion.

Motion carried.

*Marian S. Nation:* Mrs. President, I move at this time a letter of deep sympathy be sent to Mrs.

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Remington, also, whose husband died in St. Luke's Hospital, in Kansas City, last week.

*Carrie D. Frisbe:* Mrs. President, I second the motion.

Motion carried.

*Department President:* The chaplain will take her station. Memorial services will be conducted by our chaplain and officers.

*Department Chaplain:* Let us rise and unite in prayer. (Leads in prayer). We will now have a word of tribute from Mrs. Carson in memory of Mrs. Chase.

*Mrs. Carson, Past Department President:* I hope that you can all see this picture of our Past Department President, Julia A. Chase, (at the front of the room on the easel, wreathed in white lillies.) I was asked to give this tribute in memory of Mrs. Chase and all others who have died during this year. The chaplain will read the names of those who have passed over since May 30, 1911. This hour would not be complete without mention of these sixty-four sisters who have passed to the other side. Since we cannot pay tribute to each one of these sisters, the memory of their good work should be the inspiration to urge you on. Some of them had reached the three score mark and some of them ten years beyond it. I bring the deepest love and sympathy to those whose homes are bereaved and whose hearts are saddened. "Now we see through a glass darkly, but then we shall see face to face." Let us learn the lesson of our mortality. Let us do the good now, or it may be too late. We miss the inspiration of their presence and the benefit of their wise counsel. "They are not changed but glorified." Their work lives on and will blossom and at last the future will hold the fruit in trust.

We do well to pause in the rush of everyday affairs and pay a tribute of respect to the loved members called home during the year.

We sadly realize that even the best and most useful persons in any community may drop out of the ranks, others take their places, and all too soon they and their life work be forgotten.

At this sacred hour in our annual convention, we

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sit in quiet reverence, listening to the roll of those who have "passed over"—"And fancy but thinly the veil intervenes, Between that fair country and ours."

Our department chaplain has beautifully expressed love and tender memories for them all. Mine the privilege to say a special word.

Today we sadly and lovingly remember the two of our loved and honored Past Department Presidents who crossed the the borderland so nearly together.

Mrs. Minnie D. Morgan just before last year's annual convention, and Mrs. Julia A. Chase, so soon after the meeting.

It was a beautiful thought of the retiring department president to place their pictures side by side in the journal. And it seems fitting that for a moment we link their names and our sweet memories of them at this memorial service. Of each it might be said—brave and gentle, strong and cheerful, loving and faithful. Each was highly esteemed by all who knew her, but each had also close personal friends, to whom her death brought special feelings of regret and sorrow.

As the golden sunset sheds its lingering gleams of light and beauty, so their lives grew more tender and beautiful as the years went by. How they rejoiced in the God-given years! How happy in growing old! Loving and being loved, blessing and being blessed. Truly it may be said of them, "To live in hearts we leave behind, is not to die."

"They never quite leave us, the friends who have passed

Through the shadows of death to the sunlight above;

A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast,

To the places they blessed with their presence and love."

By request, I present a brief mention of our Past Department President, Julia A. Chase, one whose life has been so marked with faithful service and untiring devotion to our order.

"Give her of the fruit of her hand and let her own work praise her within the gates."

At Mount Vernon, Ohio, in 1842, Julia Anna Houghton was born. In 1862—Civil War times—



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she was married to Reuben C. Chase, of New York State; and was one of "the girls left behind," when her husband, with thousands of other young men, was needed at the front to help save our country.

After the dawn of peace rose over the blood-red stains of civil strife and a few thousands of the hundreds of thousands were welcomed home, she and Mr. Chase started to make a new home in the West. In 1867 they settled at Hiawatha, Kansas, bravely meeting the hardships of frontier life, patiently accepting the cares and sorrows that befell them, and heartily entering into all the activities that help make a good community.

And after forty-seven years of loving ministrations in home, church, and community she was called to her blessed reward.

She is survived by her husband, Comrade R. C. Chase, who lives with their only daughter, Mrs. Belle C. Mills, in St. Paul, Minn., and by one living son, George H. Chase, of Emporia Kan.

Mrs. Chase was a charter member of the Hiawatha Reliefs Corps, No. 42, organized about 1886; and was actively identified with its work, and also deeply interested in the cause of the department and National Woman's Relief Corps, until her death. She was chosen department president in 1896 and filled the position with much credit to herself and the order. Her summons to a higher life, came on May 26, 1911, and her body was laid to rest on Memorial Sunday. The G. A. R. and W. R. C., united in beautiful burial ceremonies of love and respect.

To her was given almost the measure of man's life.

Three score years and ten years filled with cheerful endeavor and bright with Cristian hope. I think she would have said, what I here, dear friends, would request for myself,—“Let there be no moaning of the bar, When I put out to sea.”

May the memory of Mrs. Chase and other devoted members of our order who have gone on before us, inspire us with greater love and greater zeal in making our country a delightful Christian land.

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Of all these dear departed, we would lovingly  
and tenderly say:

Beautiful toilers, their work all done,  
Beautiful lives, their crowns now won,  
Beautiful souls, into glory gone.  
God giveth rest, sweet rest.

*Emma B. Forter*: I desire to offer to this convention the following resolution on behalf of Margaret H. Griffith:

At each department convention familiar faces are missed from its conferences. Some are detained at home by duties, others for various reasons, are unable to mingle once more with their co-workers in a cause beloved by all.

Today a face which each succeeding year has made dear to us, is absent from her accustomed place in our midst.

Many years ago when life and love were young, she placed her hand in his and walked bravely with him through all the changing years. Sorrow came to them and her loving counsel cheered him when days looked dark. Today "he sleeps the quiet blessed sleep of immortality. A winged pilot has steered his boat across an unknown sea, into the Heavenly harbor, and there in the vestibule of Heaven, he waits her coming."

Words are poor vehicles with which to convey sympathy to heart bowed down with grief. But such poor consolation as they may carry, we send to her that while she lingered in the Garden of Gethsemane, loving friends watched with her through the night.

*Emma B. Forter*: Mrs. President, I move that we adopt these resolutions.

Mary Buckner, Sarah Staplin, and others, seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

### DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN, OLIVE J. PETERS

This hour would not be complete without mention made of the sixty-four sisters who have passed on the other side, since May 30, 1911.

We cannot pay tribute to each one of these sisters, but

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the memory of their good work should be an inspiration to us here, today, to work with greater zeal for our beloved order. In the midst of this sadness I bring to you the deepest love and tenderest sympathy of this department.

Some of these sisters had reached the three-score and were fast approaching the ten, others were taken in the morn of life. God's finger touched and they slept. Homes have been bereft, hearts saddened. Now we see through a glass darkly, but then "face to face"—Let us learn the lesson of our mortality and be ready for whatever changes may come. Let us do the good now, or it may be too late. Some were with us one year ago. We miss the inspiration of their voices, and the benefit of their wise counsels. But no life, however eventful or full of good works, but must have its last chapter.

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"One by one they are passing,  
Not changed but glorified.  
Their work lives and will blossom from the dust,  
And a glad future holds the fruit in trust."

Listen to the Roll of Dead.

### IN MEMORIAM

|                           |       |                      |
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| Past Department President | ..... | Julia A. Chase       |
| Corps No. 45              | ..... | Florence Carr        |
| Corps No. 104             | ..... | Arlena Benning       |
| Corps No. 59              | ..... | Mary Shackery        |
| Corps No. 94              | ..... | Hattie Holly         |
| Corps No. 94              | ..... | Edith Tucker         |
| Corps No. 63              | ..... | Anna Hutchinson      |
| Corps No. 94              | ..... | Agnes Shoyer         |
| Corps No. 63              | ..... | Sarah V. Jolley      |
| Corps No. 63              | ..... | Mary A. Porter       |
| Corps No. 71              | ..... | Sarah Crandall       |
| Corps No. 67              | ..... | Elizabeth Pennbacker |
| Corps No.                 | ..... | Nannie A. Smith      |
| Corps No. 22              | ..... | Mary J. Murphy       |
| Corps No. 71              | ..... | Mary A. Wood         |
| Corps No. 76              | ..... | Betty L. McGintry    |
| Corps No. 72              | ..... | Clara Norton         |
| Corps No.                 | ..... | Sarah Ely            |
| Corps No. 80              | ..... | Lida Cunningham      |
| Corps No. 1               | ..... | Alice Boulanare      |
| Corps No. 1               | ..... | Emma A. Nash         |
| Corps No. 91              | ..... | Olive Miller         |
| Corps No. 146             | ..... | Mrs. B. Sloniker     |
| Corps No. 51              | ..... | Emily Beckett        |
| Corps No. 92              | ..... | Sarah E. Todd        |
| Corps No. 92              | ..... | Eliza Moosley        |
| Corps No. 9               | ..... | Sarah A. Herning     |
| Corps No. 9               | ..... | Mary A. Adams        |
| Corps No. 43              | ..... | Mary Convell         |
| Corps No. 125             | ..... | Mattie Dresser       |
| Corps No. 125             | ..... | Mary E. Howerton     |
| Corps No. 40              | ..... | Katie Longnecker     |
| Corps No. 40              | ..... | Mary Tucker          |

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| Corps No. 40  | Nancy Barnett        |
| Corps No. 40  | Mary Beck            |
| Corps No. 40  | Eunice Jones         |
| Corps No. 160 | One Death            |
| Corps No. 92  | Mrs. M. F. Phillips  |
| Corps No. 92  | Sarah A. Gard        |
| Corps No. 96  | Dora Waldron         |
| Corps No. 149 | Mattie Strickler     |
| Corps No. 234 | Frances Irene Harris |
| Corps No. 208 | Annie V. Reed        |
| Corps No. 208 | Lettie A. Butler     |
| Corps No. 208 | Dollie E. Bishop     |
| Corps No. 25  | Anna Chatman         |
| Corps No. 25  | Mrs. C. M. Claybaugh |
| Corps No. 25  | Maria Moore          |
| Corps No. 25  | Annie Stewart        |
| Corps No. 71  | Sarah Lamoreaux      |
| Corps No. 149 | Mary Rogers          |
| Corps No. 94  | Mary Penvill         |
| Corps No. 70  | Kesiah Mellen        |
| Corps No. 70  | Elinor Sierier       |
| Corps No. 70  | Sarah Garland        |
| Corps No. 70  | Letitia Hammill      |
| Corps No. 70  | Mary Bailey          |
| Corps No. 70  | Elizabeth Beck       |
| Corps No. 70  | Lizzie Lynch         |
| Corps No. 102 | Lydia Duff           |
| Corps No. 102 | Amanda Stump         |
| Corps No. 102 | Elizabeth Armstrong  |
| Corps No. 111 | Sarah Handman        |
| Corps No. 111 | Bessie Hendrick      |
| Corps No. 53  | Nannie Smith         |
| Corps No. 11  | Sarah Liepman        |
| Corps No. 11  | Mary Polk            |
| Corps No. 11  | Caroline Garnett     |

Not a response—yet in Heaven this morning, that same roll was called and all answered—HERE!

*Department Chaplain:* We will close our afternoon Memorial by a few words from Mary M. Carson on our honorary member, Clara M. Barton.

*Mrs. Carson:* The closing years of the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth, of our beloved America, have presented to an admiring world two beautiful uncrowned queens.

The first of these brave leaders to fall in the midst of life's battle was Frances Willard, whose "work for God and home and every land," still goes on.

The other queenly woman—earnest, strong and loving; and loyally devoted to her life mission, re-

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cently passed through the gates to life eternal. Her name, her great work and her memory, should be honored in our memorial service today. Then let us bring our best gifts of love and appreciation, and with unfading laurel, crown the memory of Clara Barton. What other woman of this or any other land has so fully devoted a long life time to the service of God, of country and humanity?

In her youthful prime, she began her life work as a messenger of mercy to the suffering soldiers of the Civil War. At the railway station, Washington City, she watched the arrival of the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment, fresh from the bloody onslaught at Baltimore, and promptly assumed the care of forty wounded soldiers.

On about twenty battlefields, besides camps and hospitals, in the vicinity of Washington, she did personal work of relief, also writing letters and sending messages for the sick, wounded and dying, everywhere known as "The Angel of the Battlefield."

Soon after the surrender at Appomattox, President Lincoln gave into her charge the correspondence relative to missing soldiers on battlefields, marches and in prisons. She established, at her own expense, a "Bureau of Missing Men of the Union Army," and with several assistants, carried it forward about three years. During this time she located the whereabouts and burial places of 20,000 missing men. The value of the records thus obtained, are only known to the United States government departments and to the sorrowing friends, who thus found traces of lost loved ones.

Later, Congress recognized the importance of this work and appropriated \$15,000 to reimburse her for expenses incurred and to further prosecute these investigations. Part of this work was at the Andersonville prison grounds, identifying the graves of the Union dead. One of the prisoners, young Dorance Atwater, of a Connecticut regiment, had been detailed by Confederate authorities to keep the roll of the dead and their burial places in the improvised trenches. He contrived to keep a duplicate list which after his exchange, he turned over to Miss Barton.

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With this help and the war and prison records, she and her helpers located the graves of over 13,000 Union prisoners, who had died from sickness, wounds and starvation in that horrible place. Through heat and trying difficulties, she completed the work and helped lay out and mark the graves of the first national cemetery of our country.

Miss Barton's wonderful service during the Civil War times was but a prelude, as it were, to her work in connection with the Red Cross.

With health much impaired by the years of strenuous endeavor for the government and our soldiers, she went abroad for rest and to Geneva, Switzerland, to study the methods of the Red Cross organization being started by Henri Dunant. She was scarcely settled when the Franco-Prussian War came on and she at once enlisted with the Red Cross forces of Switzerland, thus helping and witnessing the beneficent provisions of the Red Cross on the battlefields of Europe. She organized a private Red Cross Society soon after her return to America, then for nearly ten years she worked and pleaded with our presidents and congress to adopt the Geneva treaty and place our government in line with the work. Finally during the administrations of Presidents Garfield and Arthur and on their recommendation Congress signed the Genoa treaty, which enrolled our Nation with upwards of forty other countries, under the Red Cross banner.

Clara Barton was made the first president of the Red Cross Association of America and ably filled the position for twenty years.

To her broad vision of service for humanity, our own land and the nations of the world, are indebted for the noted "American amendment" whereby the Red Cross renders systematic relief, not only in times of war, but also in cases of fire, flood, famine, earthquake, or other national calamity. During her twenty years of service, the organization was called upon eighteen times to help humanity in cases of dire disaster: Johnstown flood, San Francisco earthquake and others. The thrilling, touching incidents connected any one of them, could hardly be given in this brief service.

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When the great powers of Europe dared not say to the Sultan of Turkey, "Stop that massacre of Armenian Christians," the fearless Clara Barton, under the Red Cross banner, gained entrance to Constantinople and Turkish dominions with relief for the homeless and starving people.

When the Spanish-American War broke out and news came of the starving, dying reconcentrados of Cuba, the first organized means of relief was furnished under direction of Miss Barton, and later, when the fleet of our victorious army was ready to enter Santiago, Admiral Sampson directed the Red Cross ship of Clara Barton, to go first. They came to anchor at sunset, singing the Doxology and "My Country 'Tis of Thee," while scores of men helped unload and distribute food to the starving and distressed.

Time fails for further touching, unselfish incidents of her career. When I last met her at the Minneapolis national convention, her gentle presence seemed a benediction to us all. One thought of her brief address remains with me: "All my life I have regretted that I could not do more for my fellow men, for suffering humanity."

Miss Barton was a native of Oxford, Mass., and she retained a summer home at that place, but most of her time of late years, was spent at her beautiful home at Glen Echo, Md., a nearby suburb of Washington. Her residence was headquarters for the Red Cross Association for many years. From this home, where scores of friends had found a haven of rest, and loving hospitality, the blessed toiler of over four-score years, went out to her heavenly home.

The Woman's Relief Corps is honored in her name as an honorary member of our order, and as a body of women, we rejoice that

"Many a beam from the fountain of day,  
To reach us unclouded must pass on its way  
Through the soul of a woman."

*Emma B. Forter:* America has furnished a large number of noble women. We could name them and they would all be familiar to you. The first time I saw Clara Barton was at a reception in Washington,

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given on her 80th birthday. A gentleman said, "that lady is Clara Barton." I noticed her, dressed in black velvet, with a train. As a rule, she dressed very plainly, high neck and long sleeves. She was just like any other woman. Glad to see me because I was from Kansas, shook hands with me and said a few words. She had a sweet and gracious face, much lined with wrinkles, beautiful eyes, slight in build, not very tall. A young man, her secretary, came to me and said, "She wants to see you." I was very proud. "This is Mrs. Forter? I am going to give a little tea to some of my friends, and I want you to come." I looked at her and she looked at me. "Will you come?" I said "Yes." So I spent all the next day planning what I would wear. I wanted to make a good impression. The tea did not last very long, but we were all glad to be there. She called me "Kansas" in a little pleasant way. She said to me, "My Red Cross work is not very extensive in your state and I want the names of thirty people who would be interested in the work." I gave them, and they are now nearly all members of the Red Cross Society. I saw her once again, at the White House. She wore on her breast the ribbon band of the Legion of Honor, the Victoria Cross, a very large ruby from the Czar of Russia, a decoration from the Emperor of Germany, a number of smaller badges and the W. R. C. badge. Count Cassimer, Ambassador from Russia, touching her ruby said: "You wear a great many decorations." She said: "Not so many as you." He said: "Mine are all from my own country, but yours from the world." She visited the national convention but would not have her remarks taken down by the stenographer. She will always live in the grateful memory of the people.

Convention sang then one verse of "Nearer My God to Thee."  
Thee."

*Department President:* Convention will adjourn to meet here tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

An invitation of the Daughters of the American Revolution to visit the High School and see the memorial tablet to Lincoln and Gettysburg, received and accepted.



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WEDNESDAY MORNING

*Department President:* The house will please come to order. Convention opened with the opening ode, reading of the Twentieth Psalm and prayer by the chaplain. Guard, can you vouch that all present are members of the Woman's Relief Corps?

*Guard:* Mrs. President, I can.

*Department President:* I now declare this convention open for business. Roll-call found all officers present except press correspondent.

*Department President:* I will now make my appointments for the convention. Color Bearers: Laverna Williamson, No. 71; Dolia Botsford, No. 84; Melissa Hurst, No. 189; Maggie Kalb, No. 102. Colorbearers, it shall be your duty to guard well, this priceless emblem which is entrusted to your keeping.

As Conductors, I shall appoint: Julia McCarthy Wood, No. 61, as Chief, and she will be assisted by Rose Thacher, of No. 177; June R. Gill, of No. 185; Belle Ryde, of No. 53. Conductors, you will take up the password, distribute and collect ballots and perform any other duty required of you.

Musician, Grace Kaltenback.

Stenographer, Evalyn E. Freeman.

Guards: Pocahontas Skinner, No. 4; Emma Joliff, No. 99; Permelia Lawler, No. 92; Lucy Edsall, No. 171.

Guards, upon your watchful care depends our security against interruption. You are to admit none without the proper password, unless otherwise ordered by the Department President.

*Department President:* Mrs. Huffman, of No. 40 and committee of that Corps, please rise and be escorted by the color bearers to the front.

*Conductor:* Mrs. President, I have the pleasure to present Mrs. Huffman, of No. 40, and her committee.

*Department President:* Escort them to the platform. Mrs. President, of No. 40, and this committee, who have provided for our pleasure during this convention, we wish to extend our grateful thanks and appreciation. Convention, salute this committee.

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*Department President:* When I call for the different officers, please rise in your places. I will now call for the past national officers. Color bearers, escort them to the platform.

*Conductor:* Mrs. President, I have the honor to present to you Mrs. Belle C. Harris, Past National President; Mrs. Emma E. Forter, Past National I. and I. Officer; Mrs. Cora M. Deputy, Past National Member of Executive Board.

*Department President:* Escort them to the platform. (Introduces them). The Belle that has been ringing many years, Mrs. Forter, Mrs. Deputy. I wish the convention to give them the salute of our order.

*Department President:* Color bearers, conductor, escort to this platform, the Past Department Presidents of this department.

*Conductor:* Mrs. President, I have the honor to present to you the past department presidents.

*Department President:* I wish it was possible to have each one say a few words. I will ask Julia Campbell to say a few words in behalf of the convention.

*Julia Campbell:* This is quite an honor and unexpected. You all know these Past Department Presidents. Mrs. Harris, as gracious a national officer as a department president, may our friendship which has existed between us so long, continue. Mrs. Forter, wise, able counsellor. Evalyn Bradford Knipe, we are glad to have her with us this morning. Mrs. Carson, I think I can safely call her "our silver-tongued orator." (Applause). Mrs. Nation, I can introduce to you as my husband's and her Department Commander's President. Mrs. Heacock worked in the John Brown Memorial, fine. Mrs. Deputy, I had the honor to entertain her in my home at her convention. Mrs. Staplin, we are glad to meet her again this morning.

*Department President:* Convention, salute. Color bearers, conductors, you will escort these officers to their places.

*Department President:* Color bearers, conductors, you will escort to this platform the Past Department Secretaries and Treasurers.

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*Conductor:* Mrs. President, I have the honor to present to you the Past Department Secretaries and Treasurers.

*Department President:* It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you our Past Department Secretaries and Treasurers. Convention, salute. Mrs. Heigle, will you say a few words on behalf of the secretaries? Agnes is too bashful. Mrs. Stevens, you cannot refuse.

*Mrs. Stevens:* In behalf of the secretaries, we are glad to be with you again. It has been a very long time since I saw you and it is a pleasure to be here.

*Department President:* Evalyn Bradford Knipe, will you speak a few words on behalf of the treasurers?

*Mrs. Knipe:* You know full well the work of these treasurers. I am glad to tell you that none of them ever escaped with any of the money. They paid in full and balanced their books.

*Department President:* Conductors, you will escort these officers. The official family will retire to the rear of the room and be escorted to the platform.

*Conductor:* Mrs. President, I have the honor to present to you your assisting officers.

*Department President:* Convention, it gives me pleasure to introduce to you this morning, my official family and your officers, and I regret very much that we have a vacant place. Convention, salute. Conductor, you will escort these officers from the platform.

*Department President:* Color bearers, conductor, you will escort to this platform the floor aides and chief of aides.

*Conductor:* Mrs. President, I have the honor to present to you Mrs. Goldena Hendricks, Chief of Aides and her assistants.

*Department President:* You will escort them to the platform. This is the chief of floor aides and my daughter, Goldena Hendricks, and with these young ladies, Eva Menefee, Rebecca Buckley, Dora Buckner, Elma Dunn, Mabel Maginnis, Mabel Smith,

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Florence Tucker and Lenore Christopher, will assist the conductors and perform any duty required of them.

*Department President:* Mrs. McFarland, Senior Vice-President, will make her report.

MRS. MARIAN STRATTON NATION, *Department Secretary, Woman's Relief Corps.*

I hereby submit to you, and through you, to the twenty-eighth annual convention, the following brief report. I fully appreciate the honor conferred upon me by the twenty-seventh convention, a year ago, when I was elected to the second highest office in the department.

I have been ever ready to fulfill my obligation, only waiting orders from my superior officer, but thanks to a most efficient Department Secretary, who was able to conduct the affairs of the department even during the long illness of the Department President, very little has fallen to me to do, and my office has been almost entirely an honorary one.

By invitation of the memorial committee, I attended the laying of the cornerstone of the memorial building, by President Taft, at Topeka on September 27, 1911. One Corps, No. 102, Baldwin, was assigned to me for inspection and on October 21, accompanied by several members of No. 9, I went to Baldwin. We were most cordially received and a splendid dinner was served at their hall, after which their regular meeting was held, and their work done in a most creditable and satisfactory manner.

On November 23, a joint meeting of Washington Post No. 12, W. R. C., No. 9, Ladies' Circle, Sons of Veterans, and Ladies' Aid was held at Post Hall. Commander Anderson was present and delivered an able address. We had hoped to have our Department President with us at this time, but were disappointed, and in her absence, I represented our order, to the best of my ability, on the program that was given.

An invitation was extended to me by No. 113, of Lawrence, to install their newly elected officers on January 1, which was accepted. On Lincoln's birthday, February 12, Grand Army comrades and their

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families to the number of three hundred, assembled at Post Hall to enjoy a noon-day dinner together and afterward an excellent program.

On March 21, we were happy in having with us our Department President, though her coming at this time was something of a surprise to us. We had arranged for a special meeting of our members, also those of No. 113, to whom she gave a part of her limited time.

On February 1, twenty-five years ago, No. 113 with sixteen charter members, was organized by Department President Margaret Wickens. In token of their silver anniversary, No. 9 had arranged to present them with a Bible, to replace the worn little volume upon their altar, and with its larger print, enable dimming eyes to more readily scan its truths. Mrs. Hendricks was invited to make the presentation at this time, which she did in a manner most pleasing to all, after which she gave a most helpful address on various phases of our work. All enjoyed the occasion exceedingly and were rejoiced that Mrs. Hendricks was again restored to health and that we had been permitted to have her with us at this time.

And now, in closing, I will say that although my duties have not been many or arduous, they have been performed willingly and with great pleasure, and for me happy memories will ever cluster about the events of this year.

Wishing for my successor in office, the same kindly consideration which has been accorded to me, and thanking the department for the honor conferred upon me and my corps, I am

Yours in F. C. and L.,

MARY MCFARLAND,

*Senior Vice-President.*

*Department President:* This report will be referred to the proper committee. We will now have the report of our treasurer.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER,  
*Lawrence, Kansas, May 18, 1912*

MRS. MARIAN S. NATION.

*Department Secretary, W. R. C.*

*Dear Madam:* In accordance with our rules

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and regulations, I have the pleasure of presenting to you a report of all receipts and disbursements for the treasury funds of our department, during the past administrative year.

### GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Balance on hand May 18, 1911 .....            | \$ 340 92       |
| Received from sales of supplies .....         | 853 46          |
| Received from regular per capita tax .....    | 2008 79         |
| Received from delinquent per capita tax ..... | 76 09           |
| Received for charter fees and supplies .....  | 30 00           |
| Transferred from flag fund .....              | 14 25           |
| Transferred from sunflower fund .....         | 25 00           |
| Total Receipts .....                          | <hr/> \$3348 51 |

### DISBURSEMENTS

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Lillian A. Hendricks, Department President:                                    |                 |
| May 31, 1911 Personal Allowance .....  | \$ 150 00       |
| June 23, 1911, Postage, express and freight .....                              | 8 40            |
| August 16, 1911, Badges for National Convention .                              | 10 00           |
| August 18, Allowance for National Convention ..                                | 50 00           |
| September 6, 1911, Express, postage and additional<br>Convention expense ..... | 34 80           |
| October 16, 1911, Phone message, postage, etc. ....                            | 9 75            |
| April 15, 1912, Phones, postage and stationery....                             | 63 00           |
| May 17, 1912, Testimonial .....  | 50 00           |
| Total .....  | <hr/> \$ 376 45 |

### NATIONAL TREASURER

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| ( C. E. Wright and Abbie Lynch.)    |                 |
| For supplies .....                  | \$ 739 53       |
| For regular per capita tax .....    | 571 00          |
| For delinquent per capita tax ..... | 25 14           |
| Total .....                         | <hr/> \$1335 67 |

### MARIAN S. NATION—*Department Secretary*

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Salary, May 20, 1911, to April 20, 1912 .....   | \$ 275.00 |
| Postage for mailing General Orders, reports, etc .                                    | 73 00     |
| Envelopes and printing .....  | 7 75      |
| Typewriting officers' reports .....   | 2 00      |
| June 6, 1911, Freight on national supplies and dray-<br>age on secretary's desk ..... | 3 15      |
| October 3, 1911, Long distance telegram .....   | 1 25      |
| March 27, 1912, Instituting corps at Cottonwood<br>Falls .....                        | 1 55      |

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|--|-----------|
| April 22, 1912, Phone service, calling for quarterly reports ..... | 80        |
| Total .....  | \$ 364 50 |

### *FLORENCE A. BUNN—Department Treasurer*

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Salary, May 1, 1911 to May 1, 1912 .....  | \$ 300 00 |
| Office expense, including all postage used for mailing receipts and supplies to corps, drayage on supplies from national and to corps, also freight and express on supplies sent corps, together with all correspondence necessary for the work ..... | 92 85     |
| April 20, 1912, Phone message to Emporia .....  | 1 70      |
| Total .....   | \$ 394 55 |

## PRINTING

### CHERRYVALE PUBLISHING COMPANY

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| June 6, 1911, Printing, stationery, etc .....                                     | \$ 13 00 |
| July 7, 1911, Printing, stationery, etc .....                                     | 15 00    |
| October 16, 1911, Printing balance officers' stationery .....                     | 10 05    |
| January 4, 1912, Stationery for department J. V. President .....                  | 5 75     |
| March 11 and March 30, 1912, Stationery for Department Patriotic Instructor ..... | 4 25     |
| February 5, 1912, Stationery for Department Treasurer .....                       | 5 25     |
| Total .....   | \$ 53 30 |

### EMPORIA GAZETTE

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| June 6, 1911, Printing .....  | \$ 16 25  |
| July 5, 1911, Printing General Order No. 2, patriotic circular and Chase Memorial .....         | 12 50     |
| August 31, 1911, Printing .....   | 16 75     |
| January 2, 1912, Printing stationery .....  | 10 90     |
| March 30, 1912, Printing rosters, general orders, circular letters and Senior Aide envelopes .. | 47 50     |
| April 26, 1912, Printing General Orders Nos. 7 and 8 .....                                      | 10 25     |
| Total .....   | \$ 114 15 |

### AUDITING EXPENSE AT CHERRYVALE

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| December 14, 1911, Maggie Dornblaser, chairman auditing and aide expense ..... | \$ 3 95 |
| December 14, 1911, Lulu E. House, auditing expense .....                       | 8 50    |

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|--|-----------------|
| Julia McCarthy Wood, auditing expense .....        | 1 45            |
| Marian S. Nation, secretary, auditing expense .... | 4 50            |
| Florence A. Bunn, treasurer, auditing expense ...  | 5 10            |
| Maggie Dornblaser, board expense .....             | 3 00            |
| <b>Total</b> .....                                 | <b>\$ 26 50</b> |

### F. S. FOSTER, PRINTER

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Publishing Mrs. Staplin's journals .....         | \$ 198 30       |
| March 14, 1912, Mrs. Staplin, postage on same .. | 20 00           |
| <b>Total</b> .....                               | <b>\$218 30</b> |

### MISCELLANEOUS

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| June 23, 1911 A. L. Selig, premiums on treasurer's bond .....            | \$ 10 50         |
| July 7, 1911, Mollie J. Lease, Senior Aide, telegram .....               | 50               |
| October 25, 1911, American Express Company, express on blanks .....      |                  |
| December 1, 1911, February 12, 1912, send departmentary 3 packages ..... | 3 20             |
| October 3, 1911, J. D. Graham, envelopes and cards for secretary .....   | 1 10             |
| May 14, 1912, Kate C. Kilmer, J. V. President, postage and express ..... | 2 35             |
| May 14, 1912, Clara M. Crawford, instituting corps at McCracken .....    | 7 00             |
| <b>Total</b> .....   | <b>\$ 24 65</b>  |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b> .....   | <b>\$2908 07</b> |

### SPECIAL FUNDS

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| May 18, 1911, Balance on hand .....                              | \$ 375 14        |
| May 9, 1912, Relief for Comrade Miner, of Ponca City, Okla. .... | 25 00            |
| <b>Balance in fund</b> .....                                     | <b>\$ 350 14</b> |

### *Flag Fund*

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| May 18, 1911, Balance on hand .....                     | \$ 14 25        |
| May 18, 1911, Transferred to general fund.....          | 14 25           |
| <b>Balance in fund</b> .....                            | <b>\$ 00 00</b> |
| May 18, 1912, Contributions from 81 corps to date ..... | \$ 64 75        |
| To Capt. Wallace Foster, for U. S. flag .....           | 46 50           |
| <b>Balance in fund</b> .....                            | <b>\$ 18 25</b> |



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### SOUTHERN MEMORIAL FUND

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| May 18, 1911, Balance on hand .....               | \$ 5 50  |
| June 6, 1911, Sent to national treasurer .....    | 5 50     |
| Balance in fund .....                             | \$ 00 00 |
| May 18, 1912, Received from 36 corps, up to date. | \$ 37 25 |
| Balance in fund .....                             | \$ 37 25 |

### SUNFLOWER FUND

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Received from Lillian A. Hendricks, Department<br>President, sale of sunflowers at Rochester, N.<br>Y. .... | \$ 26 35 |
| May 18, 1912, Balance in fund .....   | \$ 26 35 |

### FRANCIS SCOTT KEY HOME FUND

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| May 18, 1911, Balance on hand .....            | \$ 2 50  |
| June 6, 1911, Sent to national treasurer ..... | 2 50     |
| Balance in fund .....                          | \$ 00 00 |

### SUMMARY OF FUNDS

#### *General Fund*

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Sum of receipts .....                   | \$3348 51 |
| Sum of disbursements .....              | 2908 07   |
| Balance in general fund .....           | \$ 440 44 |
| Balance in relief fund .....            | 18 25     |
| Balance in flag fund .....              | 18 25     |
| Balance in sunflower fund .....         | 26 35     |
| Balance in Southern Memorial fund ..... | 37 25     |
| Total in all funds .....                | \$ 872 43 |

Respectfully Submitted in F. C. and L.

FLORENCE A. BUNN.

### SUPPLIES ON HAND

|                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 34 Bronze pins.                | 15 Emblems, 10 bronze, 5 silver. |
| 4 Gold pins, 14k.              |                                  |
| 3 Gold pins, 10k.              | 8 Corps service books.           |
| 3 Rolled gold pins.            | 1 Dept. service book.            |
| 2 Loyalty pins.                | 1 Burial and mem. service book.  |
| 3 yds. (mem.) badge ribbon.    | 10 Application blanks            |
| 4 yds. corps officers' ribbon. | 16 Invoice of supplies.          |
| 2 yds. dept. officers' ribbon. | 321 Arrearage blanks.            |
| 1 yd. nat'l officers' ribbon.  | 43 Sheets music, opening ode.    |

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| 3 Initiation March.                        | 2 Specimen sheets of ledger book.    |
| 12 Ode cards.                              | 58 Corps treasurer's reports.        |
| 32 Discharge cards.                        | 11 Patriotic primers.                |
| 9 Visiting cards.                          | 13 Independence charts.              |
| 18 Transfer cards.                         | 1 Oleograph (mounted).               |
| 5 Journals.                                | 75 Officers' badges.                 |
| 3 Ledgers.                                 | 100 Officers' badges, (old).         |
| 1 Double-thick ledger.                     | 10 Silk flags (32x48).               |
| 5 Cash books.                              | 3 Cotton flags.                      |
| 3 Roll books.                              | 11 Iron stands for flags.            |
| 5 Corps secy. order books.                 | 15 Staffs.                           |
| 5 Corps treas. rept. books.                | 45 Small silk salute flags.          |
| 1 Dept. treas. rept. book.                 | 96 Ballot balls.                     |
| 3 General order files.                     | 4 20th Con. journals, (natl.)        |
| 6 Letter files.                            | 1 (old) service book.                |
| 1 Beath's Blue Book.                       | 4 (old) B. and M. books.             |
| 1 Set (old) supplies for organizing corps. | 98 D. Corps treas. blanks, (free).   |
| 3 Large electras (badge).                  | 4 E. Dept. Treas. blanks, tabulated. |
| 3 Small electras (badge).                  | 7 Corps requisition books (free).    |
| 4 Electras (flag and eagle).               |                                      |
| 5 Specimen sheets, cash book.              |                                      |

Following are the corps which contributed to the Flag Fund: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29, 32, 33, 36, 37, 40, 42, 43, 45, 48, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 59, 63, 64, 65, 67, 69, 70, 71, 73, 74, 75, 76, 84, 87, 89, 90, 91, 92, 94, 96, 98, 99, 103, 110, 111, 112, 113, 117, 118, 119, 122, 125, 133, 135, 137, 145, 146, 149, 155, 156, 171, 174, 176, 177, 178, 184, 185, 187, 188, 189, 206, 208, 213, 220, 230, 234, 238, 240, 241, 247, 248, 254, 255, 260, 261, 264, 271, 275, one hundred in all. Of these, No. 40 came first with a \$5.00 contribution. No. 9 sent \$3.00 (as usual) and No. 71 gave \$2.00. Forty-six corps gave one dollar each, thirty-nine corps fifty cents each and twelve corps twenty-five cents each.

The Southern Memorial Fund also received generous donations from forty-five corps: Nos. 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 22, 27, 33, 42, 43, 51, 57, 59, 63, 64, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77, 89, 94, 96, 102, 110, 111, 112, 117, 119, 125, 135, 145, 146, 177, 208, 228, 230, 234, 241, 247, 254, 264, 268. The largest sum in this instance was \$5.00 from the treasurer of 119. No. 43 gave \$3.00, Nos 89 and 247, \$2.00 each; Nos. 9 and 22 gave \$1.50 each. Twenty-nine corps contributed \$1.00 each, seven gave fifty cents each, and two twenty-five cents each, amounting in all to \$50.00, thus enabling our Department to send that sum to National for the decoration of Southern graves.

Aside from the regular routine of office work, I had the pleasure of inspecting Topeka Corps, No. 94, and No. 113, the colored corps of this place. I also visited No. 50 with similar intent, but found only the President and Treasurer at hall. Like good soldiers, they appeared to be trying to "hold

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the fort," under adverse conditions, and that being the day of their pension dinner, were serving meals to their comrades. As no other members came, I could only look over their books, counsel with them and speak words of encouragement. Since then, I have learned, the corps has revived and taken on renewed interest.

In closing this report, I would extend thanks to our Department President, for her uniform kindness and for freedom of action accorded which has greatly facilitated the work. To my coworker, the Department Secretary, with whom I have enjoyed such pleasant and harmonious relations, my thanks are due for her method of transmitting quarterly reports, which has proved so helpful in tabulation and would particularly commend the same to the new Department Secretary for the benefit of my successor. I would thank the corps treasurers all over the state for their many courtesies and for their kindly forbearance in case of error or delays. That mistakes have occasionally occurred, is a matter of regret, but whether or not, owing to fault of mine, I have at once sought to remedy them as promptly and effectually as possible.

Lastly to "Uncle Sam," I would extend thanks for faithful and efficient service rendered through his trusted employees so that not one package has been lost through the mails during my term of office. Truly, an excellent record, when one takes into account the very many articles—amounting upward into the hundreds, that have been sent out from this office during the past two years.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. and L.  
FLORENCE A. BUNN.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER May 18, 1912, to May 23, 1912.

MRS. MARIAN S. NATION, *Department Secretary, W.  
R. C.*

*Dear Madam:* Following is the report of receipts and disbursements from May 18, 1912 to May 23, 1912 inclusive.

#### GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Balance on hand May 18, 1912 .....             | \$ 440 44 |
| Received from sale of supplies .....           | 23 24     |
| Received from sunflower fund by transfer ..... | 26 35     |
| Received from flag fund by transfer .....      | 35        |
| Total Receipts .....                           | \$ 490 38 |

#### DISBURSEMENTS

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| May 23, 1912, Lillian A. Hendricks, Department President, convention expense .....       | \$ 27 80 |
| May 23, 1911, Marian S. Nation, Department Secretary, salary from April 20 to date ..... | 25 00    |

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|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| May 23, 1911, Marian S. Nation, Department Secretary, convention expense .....                    | 17 45            |
| May 23, 1911, Florence A. Bunn, Department Treasurer, salary from May 1 to date .....             | 9 00             |
| May 23, 1911, Florence A. Bunn, Department Treasurer, convention expense .....                    | 12 75            |
| May 23, 1911, Maggie Dornblaser, chairman Auditing Committee, office and convention expense ..... | 8 40             |
| May 23, 1911, Lulu E. House, Member Auditing Board, convention expense .....                      | 10 15            |
| May 23, 1911, Louisa Vandine, Auditing expense ..   | 50               |
| May 23, 1911, Olive J. Peters, Department Chaplain, office expense .....                          | 2 60             |
| May 23, 1911, Lilla C. Godfrey, Department Patriotic Instructor, office expense .....             | 5 85             |
| May 23, 1911, Agnes Michaelis, Department Inspector, office expense .....                         | 9 35             |
| May 23, 1911, Hotel San Jose, room for Auditing Committee .....                                   | 13 50            |
| May 23, 1911, Mrs. Evalyn Freeman, convention stenographer .....                                  | 12 00            |
| May 23, 1911, L. D. Sherman, janitor fees, gas, electricity, etc. ....                            | 8 09             |
| May 23, 1911, Belle Ryde, Instituting Corps at Coyville .....                                     | 4 95             |
| <b>Total Disbursements .....</b>  | <b>\$ 177 30</b> |

### SPECIAL FUNDS

#### *Relief Fund*

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| May 18, 1912, Balance on hand .....                         | \$ 350 14        |
| May 23, 1912, To Frank E. Bellamy, author flag salute ..... | 25 00            |
| <b>Balance in fund .....</b>                                | <b>\$ 325 15</b> |

#### *Flag Fund—Receipts*

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| May 18, 1912, Balance on hand .....        | \$ 18 25        |
| May 23, 1912, Received from 19 corps ..... | 13 75           |
| <b>Total Receipts .....</b>                | <b>\$ 32 00</b> |

#### *Disbursements*

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| May 23, 1912, Alice Huffman, express on U. S. flag .....                                | 1 65            |
| May 23, 1912, Flag donated to Pawnee Rock ....  | 25 00           |
| May 23, 1912, Emma E. Forter, expense to Pawnee Rock, as delegate to present flag ..... | 5 00            |
| Transferred to general fund .....   | 35              |
| <b>Total Disbursements .....</b>  | <b>\$ 32 00</b> |
| <b>Balance in fund .....</b>  | <b>00 00</b>    |

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### *Southern Memorial Fund*

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| May 18, 1912, Balance on hand .....                         | \$ 37 25 |
| May 23, 1912, Received from 9 corps .....                   | 12 75    |
| <hr/>   |          |
| Total Receipts .....  | \$ 50 00 |
| May 23, 1912, Sent to Abbie Lynch, National Treasurer ..... | 50 00    |
| <hr/>   |          |
| Balance in fund .....                                       | \$ 00 00 |

### *Sunflower Fund*

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| May 18, 1912, Balance on hand .....             | 26 35    |
| May 23, 1912, Transferred to general fund ..... | 26 35    |
| <hr/>   |          |
| Balance in fund .....                           | \$ 00 00 |

### SUMMARY OF BALANCES

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| General Fund .....                      | \$ 313 08 |
| Relief fund .....                       | 325 14    |
| <hr/>                                   |           |
| Total in funds .....                    | \$ 638 22 |
| Supplies on hand .....                  | 131 00    |
| <hr/>                                   |           |
| Total value corps property ...          | \$ 769 22 |
| Respectfully Submitted in F. C. and L., |           |
| FLORENCE A. BUNN.                       |           |

Referred to committee.

*Mrs. Forter:* Mrs. President, I would like to make a few remarks on the treasurer's report. Delegates will report to their corps. One of the first things the Corps will want to hear is how much has been spent and how much is left. If you will get your pencils, our treasurer will give you these amounts. I notice that in these funds there is a great difference in the giving, and I think it would be a good thing for you to carry home this idea to your Corps, that you will give to these funds one cent for each member in your Corps. That would equalize the amount to give in the Corps. This is not a motion, because we cannot instruct Corps, in their giving, but is just a suggestion to equalize the giving.

*Cora M. Deputy:* I move that we give Florence Bunn a vote of thanks for the excellent report of the year's work and the excellent manner in which it was given. Seconded by No. 177.

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*Department President:* It has been moved by Cora M. Deputy, seconded by 177, that we give a vote of thanks to the treasurer for her report. All in favor vote by the usual sign. Contrary the same. Motion carried.

*Mrs. Carson:* I have a greeting which I wish to read at this time. Woman's Relief Corps Convention, Department of Kansas, Greeting: I send you each and all my earnest wishes for a splendid convention. God speed you all in your work and may the coming year show the full appreciation of all your devoted work, is the wish of Emily A. Scott, Past Department Chaplain.

*Department President:* We are going to have the reports read this year instead of printing them. It would cost in the neighborhood of \$100 to have them printed and we felt we cannot afford it. It has been said my report was long, but it was hard to boil down a year's work into a few pages and make it readable. I am sorry if I tired you.

*Mrs. Forter:* I have watched the printing of reports a good many years. It is a great expense and we want to hear those reports instead of reading them. I want to say to you that many of us are not familiar with what is going on in the department, and when we come to the convention we want to hear it all. The Department President's report was a little long but we will enjoy hearing the reports and I am glad we have come back to the good old way of having the reports read.

*Department President:* Department Patriotic Instructor will read her report.

MARIAN S. NATION, *Department Secretary.*

*Madam:* I have the honor to make the following report on Patriotic Work for this Department:

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| 1. Number of schools visited by Corps Patriotic Instructors .....  | 239 |
| 2. Number of Schoolrooms in which a flag has been placed by the Corps in this Department .....   | 348 |
| 3. Number of Schoolrooms in which the Declaration of Independence Chart has been placed by the Corps in this Department .....                            | 24  |
| 4. Number of Schoolrooms in which the Oleograph of the Origin and History of the Stars and Stripes has been placed by the Corps in this Department ..... | 46  |

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|   |        |
|---|--------|
| 5. Number of Schoolrooms in which the Patriotic Primer has been placed by the Corps in this Department .....    | 164    |
| 6. Number of Flag Salute Leaflets distributed by the Corps in this Department .....                             | 127    |
| 7. Number of Patriotic Contests held under the direction of the Corps in this Department ....                   | 5      |
| 8. Number of Corps observing Flag Day (June 14) in this Department .....  | 23     |
| 9. Number of Corps having done anything for Humane Teaching in this Department .....                            | 10     |
| 10. Number of Leaflets on Humane Teaching distributed by the Corps in this Department .....                     | 35     |
| 11. Number of "Bands of Mercy" formed by the Corps in this Department .....                                     | 2      |
| 12. Number of Corps who observed Peace and Arbitration Day (May 18 or about that date) in this Department ..... | 13     |
| 13. Amount contributed toward Francis Scott Key Home by the Corps in this Department .....                      | \$6 40 |

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

MRS. LILLA C. GODFREY,  
Department Patriotic Instructor.

The following items were gleaned from 125 pages of reports sent to Department Patriotic Instructor and Department Senior Aide, showing much excellent work done by the more than 500 aides:

Julia Campbell, of No. 111.—Reports a large flag presented to Y. M. C. A., also one to Company E, Kansas National Guards.

Rose Keene, No. 255.—Ten new members.

Cressie Shemberger, No. 73.—Four new members, one reinstated, also large flag to court house.

Emma Fisher, No. 208.—Six new members, \$30 presented to Post.

Mary J. Bias, No. 234.—Four new members and a fine bunting flag to the high school, also large silk flag to the Post.

Emma Kalb, No. 102.—One new member, six reinstated, paid the dues of three post members. Has promise of six new members for the Corps.

Ella Miller, No. 234.—Five new members, much good work.

Elizabeth Drone, No. 234.—Two new members, presented Corps with \$20.

Julia McCarthy Wood, No. 61.—Inspected a number of Corps and much patriotic work.

Emma Bryan, No. 111.—Thirteen new members.

Melissa Hurst, No. 189.—Six new members.

Rachel Stewart, No. 7.—Much good work.

Lizzie Leap, No. 177.—Fourteen new members.

Emma Bailey, No. 45.—One new member.

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Martha Townsley, No. 221.—Four members, had not missed a meeting during the year.

Henrietta Ayers, No. 16.—Assisted by W. A. Morgan, secured a Corps of 23 members at Cottonwood Falls, was assisted in organizing by Department President and Department Secretary.

Mary E. Johnston, No. 222.—Assisted in placing flags in the Sunday School rooms.

Pocahontas Skinner, No. 4.—Four new members, inspected and visited other Corps.

Maria Heath, No. 221.—Much good work, received a donation of \$15 for the Corps.

Sarah Painter, No. 117.—Twelve new members.

Ida A. Dye, No. 43.—Six new members, much extra work.

Emolyn Norman, No. 3.—Ten new members, \$37 for relief and visited many Corps.

Emma Fiske, No. 208.—Six new members, gave \$10 to the Post and presented with book costing \$5.

Mary M. Carson, No. 208.—Much work for the good of the order.

Sophronia Hulbard, No. 234.—Three new members.

Mary Staley, No. 42.—Eleven members, much good work.

Anna Hall Stevens, No. 40.—Two new members, inspected several Corps by special request.

Carrie D. Frisbie, No. 94.—Special work on inspection.

Nellie Sargeant, No. 146.—Many visits paid to the sick and much work for the good of the order.

Margaret M. Anderson, No. 145.—Presented two flags to the high school.

Emma J. Maunder, No. 67.—Eight new members, several reinstated.

Maggie Dornblaser, No. 53.—Much good work for the best interests of our order.

Emma E. Forter.—Much loyal work for our order and bought lot in cemetery for little child, also assisted in raising \$5.16 for our Soldiers' Monument, have never missed an opportunity for the good of our order, also gained six new members.

Catherine Stone, No. 92.—Nine new members, many visits to the sick, assisted at many funerals, assisted in purchasing a flag for the Sunday School.

Nettie May Scott, No. 263.—Reports much good work.

Belle Ryde, No. 53.—Appreciates the appointment of aide and has performed every duty to the best of her ability.

Mabel Warner, No. 275.—Corps doing nicely, promises of several new members

Dora Tanner, No. 111.—Corps doing much patriotic work.

Lucy McCallester, No. 234.—Three new members, much patriotic instruction, flag presented to colored school.



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Luella Reed, No. 71.—Three new members, instrumental in getting comrades in Post, also presented Post with \$10.

Clara M. Crawford, No. 241.—Five silk flags to Sabbath Schools, also organizing Corps with 22 charter members, at McCracken.

Lotta Hall, No. 92.—Much good work in the way of assisting members who were in need.

Lucy Reed Jones, No. 149.—Six new members, several Corps inspected.

Rose Thatcher, No. 177.—Fine reports, eight new members, and initiated twenty-eight during the year, carried flowers to twenty-nine sick members, visited Post many times. Helped solicit \$28.60 for Decoration expenses, was a good angel of mercy to our Department President, during her two weeks in the hospital, visited her every day, been a member eighteen years of the Post named in honor of her father.

Elizabeth Fulton, No. 27.—Seven new members also one member for Post.

Gertie D. Callie, No. 187.—Seven new members with the promise of more.

Ida S. Strickland, No. 57.—Corps in fine condition, seven new members, doing good work.

Pernelia Lawler, No. 92.—Ten new members.

Lew Dutton, No. 261.—Presented flags and did much patriotic work.

Ella Kingscott, No. 177.—Reports many visits of Post, Corps and sick members.

Elizabeth Hall, No. 177.—Also reports many visits made.

Leah D. Scandrett, No. 57.—Seven new members, much patriotic work done.

Emma Hoaglan, No. 111.—Much good, loyal, patriotic work, Corps in fine condition. Has expended for funeral emblems \$21, flags \$36, flowers \$33.25, markers \$3.60, merchandise \$10, total \$97.85.

Charity Horner, No. 178.—Much patriotic and loyal work.

Flora Davis, No. 25.—One member, much good work.

Laverna Williamson, No. 71.—Four new members, Corps in good condition.

Dora Rogers, No. 70.—Four new members.

Mattie Marshall, No. 33.—Four new members, promise of several more. Visited several Corps, many sick members, \$200 toward the Soldiers' Monument.

No. 76, Melissa J. Hoffman, (Special).—Three members to the credit of her personal work. A very earnest worker in behalf of the Sons of Veterans and to quote her words, "they are the ones who lift high the banner of our fathers, as the years roll by." The Corps presented the Ladies' Aid, which has not been overlooked, four silk flags. As president of the Cherryvale Reunion, she gave a beautiful program on Woman's Relief Corps Day, on which was an address by

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the Department President. Every member of the Corps belongs to the "R. W. B." Club and this is a Corps that can be truly said fulfills the object, and truthfully named as a club, Rush! Work! Boom!

Dolia Botsford, No. 84, (Special).—Eight members to her credit and much loyal work. Corps presented an 8x15 foot flag to Department President and other aides in 84, since April 1. Twelve members.

Elfie Howe, No. 76.—Five members.

Elva Calvin, No. 45.—Three members, one reinstated, Corps in fine Condition, presented four flags to the city schols, two flags to country schools, many visits to the Post and sick members.

Mollie Jones Lease, No. 149.—Five new members, inspected two Corps for the Department President.

No. 76, Rosa Bugg.—Five members and four flags.

No. 45.—Six members by Burmetta Miller, four silk flags, forty-eight small flags and much patriotic work.

No. 76, Elfie Howe.—Six members and much patriotic work.

Cornelia Wilson, No. 22.—Three members and much good work.

Laverna Williams, No. 71.—Three new members, also a \$500 monument from No. 71 to the unknown dead.

No. 206, Marysville.—Expended \$59.68 for patriotic work, also Emma Forter, chairman of committee, spent \$625 for cement walk to cemetery.

No. 11, Fort Scott.—Presented large flag to Post, also to city school and 300 small flags.

No. 3.—Much patriotic work, presented many flags.

No. 67.—Expended \$15.70 for patriotic work.

No. 234.—Have spent more than four hundred dollars, for patriotic work, during the past two years.

No. 259.—Baxter Springs has not been idle, but busy and will report later.

No. 172.—A large flag for school, and many leaflets.

No. 133.—Six flags to city schol with assistance of Kate Lewis, Department President.

No. 111.—Expended \$97.51 for patriotic work.

No. 90.—A large flag in public library.

No. 104.—School contests.

No. 145.—Presented 8 flags to schools.

No. 102.—Good work done.

No. 40.—Presented many oliographs, primers, fifty-nine flags in school rooms, one large flag to Valley Center, and much other patriotic work.

Anna Neides, of 43.—Four members.

Myra Sinclair, of 37.—Two members, also report their Corps presenting each school building with large flag and a silk flag for the graded schools.

Julia Platz, No. 36.—Three members.

Sarah Gorman, No. 275.—Corps in good condition.

Mary A. Lamont, No. 9.—Three silk flags to the Sunday Schools and Bible to Colored Corps.

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Lou Dawson, No. 22.—Four silk flags, and spent a good deal for their Post.

Lucy Edsall, No. 171.—Much good work and several flags presented.

Mollie Harmon, No. 15.—Eleven new members and doing much good work.

Avada Glasgow, No. 135.—One new member, but are loyal and want to keep working.

No. 70.—Thirteen flags presented to Sunday Schools, churches, schools and library.

The President then announced the following committees:

President's Address: Cora M. Deputy, Julia A. Campbell, Agnes Michaelis, Ella Miller, Rose Thacher.

Junior Vice-President's Report: Mary McGahan, Florence Tyler, Onie Lamb, Carrie Frisbie, Mary Peterson.

Department Treasurer's Report: Emolyn Norman, Emma J. Maunder, Nona Munson, A. Lin, Anna Heacock.

Senior Vice-President's Report: Annie E. Miller, Maggie Leppleman, Minnie Curtis, Mollie Harmon, Mary A. Randolph.

Department Secretary's Report: Dora Weirman, Inez Kincaid, Charity Horner, Dolia Botsford, Elfie Howe.

Department Chaplain's Report: Mary Clogston, Elizabeth Smith, Mary J. Smythe.

Department Inspector's Report: May Murphy, Olivia Van Allen, Rosa Chase, Serena Low, Sarah Hays.

I. and I. Officer's Report: Rosa Bugg, Erie B. Morrill, Mary E. Palmer, Laura A. Chase, Elizabeth Ward.

Patriotic Instructor's Report: Mary W. Buckner, Martha J. Beal, Sarah Painter, May Griffith, Ida Akers.

Counselor's Report: Rachel Alrich, Lula Kessler, Julia Platz, Emma Ruggley, Lillian Mayhan.

Press Correspondent's Report: Esther A. Hultz, Minnie Basinger, Mary Currens, Jennie Morse, Blanche Auld.

Senior Aide's Report: Anna Hall Stevens, Sa-

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mantha Shultz, Mary Spring, Susan Southwick, Jennie Weber.

Delegate at Large's Report: Mary E. Richardson, Winifred Jenkins, Alice Steff, Lillian Colman, Edith Roseburg.

Committee to Visit Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Anna Hall Stevens, Maggie Byrd, Mattie A. Rice, Irene Jaggard, Rachel Stewart.

Committee to Visit Sons of Veterans: Kate Pond, Ella Colvin, Orvilla Williams, Emma Marsh, Lizzie Wallace.

Committee to Visit Grand Army: Marian Stratton Nation, Emma E. Forter, Mary M. Carson, Alice Huffman, Sarah E. Staplin, Mrs. Harmon.

Committee to Visit Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary: Bertha Ford, Belle Busby, Ida Dawson, Ida Kilmer, Flora Davis.

Committee on Resolutions: Belle C. Harris, Luella P. Reed, Evalyn Bradford Knipe, Leona Nugent, Mary Clogston.

Committee on Telegrams and Greetings: Mary M. Carson, Julia A. Campbell, Mary McFarland.

Emma E. Foster, Past Department President, will represent the Department at the unveiling of the monument at Pawnee Rock, on Friday, May 24, instead of Ida Wilson Moore, Past National Secretary, who cannot be with us at this convention.

Past Department President Cora M. Deputy will present flag for the department at the unveiling of the monument at Pawnee Rock.

*Department President:* I have a question here to answer. "A lady living in Missouri, belonging to a Kansas Corps. Is she eligible to an office in Kansas?" She is.

*Evalyn Bradford Knipe:* I move we adjourn till 1 o'clock.

*Cora M. Deputy:* I wish to make this motion. Immediately after the report of the credential committee, we proceed to the election of officers. Seconded by Sarah E. Staplin.

Motion carried.

Adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

*Department President:* Guard will see that the



MARIAN S. NATION  
Department Secretary



FLORENCE A. BUNN  
Department Treasurer

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doors are properly guarded before opening the session, that we may save time in taking up the password.

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### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

*Department President:* Convention called to order. Guards, can you vouch that all present are members of the order?

*Chief Guard:* Mrs. President, we can.

*Department President:* We will now have the department secretary's report.

Lillian A. Hendricks, Department President.

Dear Madam: In accordance with rules and regulations of our order, I submit to you, and to the Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, of the Department of Kansas, the following report:

#### March 31, 1911

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| No. of members in good standing .....          | 7638 |
| By Charter .....                               | 45   |
| By Initiation .....                            | 708  |
| By Transfer .....                              | 73   |
| By Reinstatement .....                         | 130  |
| Gain From Suspension .....                     | 38   |
| By Reinstatement From Delinquent Reports ...   | 1046 |
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| Total Gain .....                               | 2040 |
| Loss by Death .....                            | 128  |
| Loss by Honorable Discharge .....              | 133  |
| Loss by Transfer .....                         | 104  |
| Loss by Suspension .....                       | 837  |
| Loss by Dishonorable Discharge .....           | 0060 |
| Loss by Delinquent Reports .....               | 1036 |
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| Total Loss .....                               | 2238 |
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| Net Loss .....                                 | 198  |
| No. of Members Remaining in Good Standing .... | 7440 |

No. 66, of Topeka, and No. 195, of Perth, disbanded regularly and sent in supplies, also supplies were received from Ionia No. 86. Later a charter was received from a corps member who received it from some children who were playing in the yard and thought it fell from a movers' wagon, who had passed that street.

Two new Corps have been organized, one at Cottonwood Falls and numbered 16, with twenty-three charter members, and one at McCracken, Rush County, numbered 243, with twenty-two charter members. The Department extends con-

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gratulations and hopes these news Corps may grow in numbers and strength.

### **Relief During the Year**

|                               |           |
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| Cash Expended .....           | \$1303 13 |
| Relief other than money ..... | 2578 37   |

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| Total ..... | \$3881 50 |
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Also this week an appeal from Corps No. 21, for assistance for an old soldier and wife who are members of Corps 21 and Post, whose home was blown away during the cyclone. Twenty-five dollars was sent.

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| Number soldiers assisted during the past twelve months. | 308 |
| Number in soldiers' family assisted .....               | 225 |
| Number members assisted .....                           | 98  |
| Number members' family assisted .....                   | 84  |

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| Total number assisted .....  | 715 |
| Number Corps whose reports for quarter ending March 31, have been received ..... | 153 |
| Number Corps delinquent .....  | 1   |
| Number Corps organized since March 31 .....                                      | 2   |

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| Total ..... | 156 |
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There has been sent from Department Secretary's office, eight General Orders from Department President.

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| General Orders from National Headquarters .....   | 8 |
| Circular Letters from Department President .....  | 2 |
| Circular Letters from Senior Vice-President ..... | 1 |
| Circular Letter from Patriotic Instructor .....   | 1 |
| Circular Letter from Senior Aide .....            | 1 |
| Circular Letter from Inspector .....              | 1 |

Also National Circular Letters from Patriotic Instructor, 2; Press Correspondent, 3. Department Blanks, for four quarterly reports to Corps, Election Returns, Treasurer's Bonds, Press Correspondent's Blanks, Patriotic Instructor Blanks, Memorial Day Blanks and Reports, Credential Cards, Department Rosters for 1912, and National and Department Passwords. Have answered promptly at all times every letter received at this office.

I shall esteem it a great pleasure to meet each officer who has been so pleasant and written so many kind letters to the Department Secretary during the past year.

I had the especial privilege of presenting for Topeka Corps No. 94, two silk flags to Washburn College, and they were most graciously received.

To Clara Crawford, of No. 241, and also Belle Ryde, and Past Department Treasurer Maggie Dornblazer, of No. 53, the Department is under many obligations for assisting and procuring the new Corps, Nos. 243 and 91.

My trip to Rochester in company with the Department



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President and the Department Commander and each of their official staff will ever be remembered as one of the most pleasant in my life. During our stay in the beautiful Flower City of Rochester we saw much of the artistic decorations that greeted us everywhere.

On Wednesday morning occurred the parade which is the feature of these national gatherings. Each Department formed at its own headquarters and marched to the start-point, passing the reviewing stand on which were seated the officers, delegates and others, together with President Taft and his attendants. Forty-six states were represented and made a good showing with bands and banners in evidence. There were some tattered battle flags which were wound around their standards. New York delegates, in large numbers, marched in the rear.

A short visit from our National Secretary, Ida Wilson Moore, was a sweet memory which every Kansas delegate will ever cherish. She did not forget to know her Kansas friends in Rochester and they, too, remembered her with a beautiful cut glass vase "chuck full" of love and pride that one from our own dear Kansas, should command so much admiration from the "Down East Folk."

To our own dear department treasurer, I can truly say our year together has cemented a friendship which I believe can never be broken. I have found her prompt, reliable and conscientious in the smallest detail and to each department officer, I sincerely thank you for all the courtesy and thoughtfulness shown at all times.

To our department counselor, we had tried her and knew how loyal and true she was, so that time has doubly strengthened these friendly ties.

And to you my own department president, words are inadequate to express my appreciation of your friendship and love during this past year, it will ever be to me as "A Golden thread through the fiber of life." I have served you to the best of my ability and if I have pleased you, I am content. I can assure the members of this department that your department president has given you unstinted of her time and money, sacrificing her health, her home and everything for the best interests of the Woman's Relief Corps in the Department of Kansas, and I wish for her the best there is in life hereafter.

I personally know of bills to the amount of \$224.30 that she has paid, without a penny from the Department, and has given \$25 for extra pictures for the Journal.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

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MARIAN STRATTON NATION,

Department Secretary.

Report received and the President referred it to proper committee.

*Department President:* Is the Credential committee ready to report?

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*Chairman Credential Committee:* We are ready.

*Department President:* Is there anyone seated in this convention who is not entitled to a vote? If you are not a delegate you will take your place in the gallery. No one on the floor except the officers and delegates.

*Credential Committee:* There are thirteen past department officers, 318 delegates, fifteen department officers, one past national officer, 347 votes on the floor.

*Department President:* As tellers I appoint Belle C. Harris, Dora Wierman, Lulu House. Mrs. Campbell to relieve Mrs. Harris last half.

*Department President:* Next in order is roll-call. The presidents of the corps in the different districts as the Corps is called please rise and answer with the number of delegates you have from each Corps. Just one from each Corps answer. Be sure that you report and keep track of any that come in during the roll-call.

*Department President:* Color bearers, conductors, you will retire and escort the committee from the Sons of Veterans to the platform.

*Conductor:* Mrs. President, the committee from the Grand Army of the Republic also is waiting.

*Department President:* Escort in the committee from the Grand Army of the Republic. The children must wait on the parents.

*Conductor:* Mrs. President, I have the honor to present to you, Past Department Commander Harris, Comrade Jones and Comrade Smith.

*Department President:* You will conduct the commanders to this station. Convention, this is one of the proud moments of my life. I have often wondered if it would ever be my pleasure to welcome the Grand Army of the Republic to a convention. Commander Harris, you have been faithful to the Woman's Relief Corps in the past, always ready, always willing, and the same to you Commander Morgan, and to you, Comrade Jones, and to Comrade Smith, who worked so hard in the John Brown Memorial Convention, now give our comrades the royal salute.

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I want a little word from each one of you but we now have the committee from the Sons of Veterans and I want them to have the pleasure of hearing you. Color bearers, conductors, you will retire and escort the Sons of Veterans to this platform.

*Conductor:* Mrs. President, I have the honor to introduce to you the committee from the Sons of Veterans, Brothers Tillotson, Papes and Davis.

*Department President:* You will conduct the gentlemen to this platform. This is Commander Tillotson, Messrs. Papes and Davis from the Sons of Veterans. Convention, salute. We are pleased to have you with us today. We also have the Committee from the Grand Army of the Republic and you will want to hear the few words spoken by the comrades. Please be seated. We will call on you afterwards, so be fixing up your speeches. Commander Harris.

*Commander Harris:* Mrs. President, and Sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps. Being chairman it is not expected that I make a speech. You may have thought that we had these flags at half mast, that was not our fault. Since we were appointed yesterday to act as color bearers, Comrades Jones and Smith have taken a great deal of delight twitting us and telling us how we copied after your lady color bearers and that we would look like monkeys. We have thought seriously and we have concluded we are like Bill and Sal. Neither had kept company previously with any one. They went to a spelling school and Bill asked Sal to take her home. Neither one said anything on the way. They held hands, of course, they belonged to the handholder's union. At the gate they still held hands. He said: "Sal, I hope you won't tell anyone I brung you home," and she said, "Don't worry, Bill, I'm just as shamed as you be." These two brothers, we have brought them along to make monkeys of them. It is not necessary to say anything regarding the Woman's Relief Corps, the greatest woman's organization in the world. Not only in numbers but in fruit. The tree is known by the fruit it bears, and the tree of the Woman's Relief Corps has borne the most beautiful and best fruit

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of any woman's organization ever organized. It is not necessary to say anything more. I am always proud to come to the Woman's Relief Corps. There is no duty a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic can be detailed to, to be more proud of than to come on the committee to greet you ladies, and bring greetings from the Grand Army of the Republic. You are our wife, our counsellor, you are close to us and to our hearts. When we were in the army and the Woman's Christian Sanitary Committee brought those delicacies that saved the lives of thousands of the brave boys in blue, we did not ask whether it was our sister or our mother. It came from the loyal women of the North, and the loyal sons of the North, fighting for Old Glory, accepted them and we appreciated them then as we do today. The loyal women that belong to this organization who are not bound by ties of blood are, if anything, doing more to show their loyalty. Ladies, I thank you.

*Commander Morgan:* Mrs. President, and Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps: There are more to speak and I will detain you but a few moments. I am an admirer of the Woman's Relief Corps, but since I have been adopted as a member and made a Special Aide, my actions are most lady-like. I have attended all the millinery openings and white goods sales this year. But I do want to say just this: There have been three very pleasant memories in my life. One when I was commissioned lieutenant, after serving nine months; when I was commissioned on the staff of the Department of Kansas, and the last, when I was adopted as a daughter of the Corps. Mrs. President, and ladies, I thank you.

*Comrade Jones:* Mrs. President and Sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps: I am not going to take up any of your valuable time. I want to tell you that I love you and your organization. I have often told my Post, Mrs. President, that if it had not been for the Woman's Relief Corps, there would not have been any Post No. 46, of Holton. God bless them. I wish my wife were here, she is the daughter of a veteran and the wife of a veteran, but at the last

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moment she was unable to come. If there is any one who thinks there is anything better than the Woman's Relief Corps, I am from Missouri. When Commander Anderson notified me that he had selected me as one of the committee to visit this organization I said, this is one of the greatest honors you could have given me. I am proud to meet you and your noble organization, and may God bless you.

*Department President:* And last but not least, Comrade Smith.

*Comrade Smith:* Mrs. President, and Ladies of the Corps: It is a wonderful privilege to come and look at an aggregation like this. I do not wonder when Commander Anderson spoke to me at noon and said that he thought a majority of the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic wanted to be appointed on this committee and I am sorry that they could not all come and look at a meeting like this. I wish there was some way so the Corps could see the Grand Army of the Republic and the Grand Army of the Republic see the Corps. Some way by which we might pass in review and take each other by the hand. I know the feeling of the Grand Army of the Republic for all this organization. I know the feeling of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Circle who are wives and daughters, and know the feeling of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Sons. You who are not wives and daughters of soldiers, you perhaps, are wives and daughters of husbands, and you love them, those husbands and those sons and those daughters, as the Grand Army of the Republic loves their wives and sons. You are on a par. You have a mighty work before you; this nation rests on you. Seventy-five thousand of us were called out at one time to suppress the Rebellion. We thought we could do it in thirty days, it was going to be a picnic, but it was not a picnic. We called for 300,000 more and 600,000, and then on four million of slaves, and then we needed help to keep the flag in the air. We started in at the end of that war with almost two million comrades with their wives, daughters and sons. But fifty years have gone and we have grown from two million to nine million, and of our two million

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soldiers almost a million and a half have been carried to the cemetery. There are not enough of the wives to take care of the patriotic instruction in this country and to preserve the people and the flag, and you may say it those nine million who take care of the patriotism of the other eighty-nine million. Who can we call on but the Corps? The Corps is responsible for the patriotic instruction of the children of this land. When you teach a little girl to bring a flower to the Post Room or teach a little boy to come there for a flag on Memorial Day you teach a lesson of patriotism that will remain. While you teach patriotism the government will continue, the flag will stay there and homes will be protected. You are the wealthiest people on this great globe today. Wealth is the possession in abundance of things that are the joy of human desire and the ninety millions of population of this country, this land of liberty, has more of these things, more protection for homes and everything than the other 300 million of people in this world anywhere. Well, I want to tell you what I feel in my heart, seriously. I attended one of the district meetings, last year, of the Corps. A lady from Salina told me that in two instances she knew of, Corps had disbanded because Posts had disbanded. I hope the department will go back and reorganize those Corps. I want you to remember that the day is coming fast when there will be no posts in all this land, when there will be no Grand Army of the Republic, when there will be no soldiers' wives, when there will be two hundred millions of people here to protect that flag, and this Corps must live in every community whether there is a soldier or not, you must keep children coming on Memorial Day, and give flags to boys and teach lessons of patriotism. We thank you that you will have come while we were living, but that day will soon be gone by and we love you for that, but that work is pretty nearly done. The soldier and his wife are gone, we need the patriotic lesson that the Corps is engaged in now. Forget what you are doing for us as individuals but do not forget the flag. Make this Corps as eternal as the Government itself. Honor the flag and say to the

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generation following after you, It was handed to us by your fathers before us, we turn it over to the Corps and young America. Take it and carry it with honor and teach lessons of patriotism, and teach other generations to carry it with honor. I thank you.

*Commander Tillotson:* Mrs. President and Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps: I have the right to call you sister because I am a brother-in-law of the Relief Corps. My wife is a past president of No. 94, and it would have been a double pleasure for her to have been with you but she had to forego the pleasure. I convey her regrets. So I speak to you as sisters. I notice the Grand Army of the Republic speaks well to you as sisters also. This is the 22d of May. Forty-nine years ago two of these boys were taking a baptism of fire under the walls of Vicksburg. Charlie Harris and Jones. They are the kind of men we have, the kind that kept the flag in the air. That is not pleasantry. The boys in blue are ordinary human beings who have marched by your side through the fight of life, because by their side stood brave women. It is something more than poetic license to say "The female of the species is more deadly than the male." The fighting element is the woman. We men climb on the fence but the women say "Get down on the right side and we get down on the side beside the women. I do not mean the Army when I speak of the boys, I have heard men disparage the Grand Army of the Republic, by relating some human thing they did, of course they are human flesh and blood. I heard a man talking about Grant, and he took great delight in the fact that Grant drank more whisky than was good for him, but he was the greatest general that ever lived. Lincoln told questionable stories. Washington cursed while on the field of Monmouth. I hope he did. Is the son of man human because he trod in forbidden paths? Yes, but he marched down the path of Earth. As against a man I would take my chance with a woman any time. As long as women believe in virile virtues they will be women. The men try to be just what the women want them to be and the kind of a man the women like best, and I am satisfied you

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women try to be the kind of women we men like best and it is because of that very fact that you are here. Now, there is just as much work for you to do now as there ever was. The Grand Army of the Republic won their honors because they did the work at hand. These two brothers who helped stir Vicksburg forty-nine years ago simply did the work of the day. The duty is to preserve the government of this country. We can perform it because of the strong influence of the women at our side. Your pledge of love gives strength beyond the strength of men, and I stand here to eulogize this last great work of woman.

*Commander Davis:* Mrs. President, and Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps: I cannot tell why it was that the commander selected me from all the eligible material within his reach to present his greetings from the Sons of Veterans but I was bound to recognize his authority and assume that he knew his business, therefore, I have no apology to offer. If there was any possibility of inspiring my tongue to such eloquence as the chairman has exhibited, I would wish for it when before such an audience, but it is not my gift to be eloquent. I can simply come before you and assure you as a son of a veteran, who served four years in the War of the Rebellion, that you have the sympathy, love and esteem of myself and comrades of the Sons of Veterans; you have the entire esteem of the organization and I come before you today, not as a member of the Kansas Division alone, but as a comrade from the Division of the far East, my own Division of Maryland, to extend the hand of greeting to the Woman's Relief Corps of Kansas. We recognize in you the power behind the throne. There may have been a time when the value of the women of our country was not recognized, but that time is past, and the veterans, their sons and grandsons recognize the extent of your aid. I extend to you in the name of the Commander of the Division of Maryland and the Commander of the Division of Kansas, the greetings and good will and the support of the Sons. I am just one of the boys come to see mother and glad to be with you and greet you and look into your faces and feel that



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Kansas is a good deal safer because of your meeting today. (Applause). In this busy world, today, when so many are busy making money, we forget many times the need of keeping alive the spirit of patriotism in the hearts of the people and children. We are too busy and have to depend on the little patriotic women of the great organization which you represent, women, who are going to do this and preserve this nation. Comrades, the world needs a new baptism of patriotism, we are getting away from the old idea of patriotism. Our brother spoke of the great wealth, what would it mean if not preserved by stable government. A country such as ours rests on a mighty slender fabric if they forget that country and the men who saved it. It is up to the women and sons and daughters who have come in contact with those old soldiers, it is up to us to teach patriotism to the coming generation. I thank you.

*Department President:* Color bearers, you will escort the Comrades.

(G. A. R. Committee retires.)

*Department President:* Color bearers you will escort the Sons.

(Sons of Veterans Committee retires).

*Department President:* We will now proceed with the convention roll-call.

*Miss Wierman, Chairman:* Mrs. President, there are 305 delegates and twenty-nine officers, including the president, making a total of 334 votes.

*Department President:* Next we will listen to the report of the Junior Vice-President. I have been requested to have these reports of Junior Vice-President and Department Inspector in justice to the candidates and have granted the request.

*Report of Junior Vice-President:*

Mrs. Marian S. Nation, Department Secretary, Woman's Relief Corps:

In accordance with the rules and regulations of our order, I herewith submit through you, to the Twenty-eighth Annual Convention, the following report:

It was with a feeling of sincere gratification that I accepted the honor conferred upon myself and Corps, by being unanimously elected to the office of Junior Vice-President of the Department of Kansas.

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I have tried throughout the year always to be ready to answer any call to duty, and add my little mite to the great work in which our order is engaged—the caring for the veterans, and their dependent ones.

My first official duties were to assist in the observance of the Memorial and Decoration Day ceremonies. The latter service was held in the Argentine Cemetery, at the foot of the beautiful monument erected last year in memory of our soldiers and sailors, by Argentine Corps, No. 177.

A splendid program, with a flag drill by the school children was given at the Argentine High School on "Flag Day," June 14, and there was an address by Comrade L. C. True; I was unable to attend these exercises on account of illness in my home.

A shadow crept across our hearthstone, which deepened and lengthened until, after months of suffering, my dear mother was taken to the Great Beyond.

It was about this time that a reception was planned in honor of my election, by my Corps; but on account of this bereavement, we had only a quiet, social time at our regular meeting with a surprise for me in the presentation of a beautiful set of hand-painted cups and saucers, from the Corps, through our President, Mrs. Rose Thacher.

On July 18, I attended a school instruction at the National Military Home, with Corps No. 271. Our Department President was our guest, and representatives from Olathe, Kansas City, Kansas; Argentine, and other places were entertained with an old-fashioned picnic on the beautiful grounds of the home. I think I can say it was a pleasant and profitable day for all.

I was invited to attend the different district conventions, especially the one at Iola; I regret very much that it was my misfortune not to be able to attend.

A reception was held at G. A. R. Hall, Kansas City, Kansas early in June, in honor of Department Commander T. P. Anderson, Assistant Quartermaster General J. H. Gallager, of Post No. 28, Kansas City, Kansas. Mrs. Myrta Talmadge, Senior Vice President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and your Junior Vice-President of No. 177, Kansas City, Kansas.

Our Department President, Mrs. Hendricks, was an invited guest, and gave a very interesting and instructive address about the work of the order. "The boys" gave a very fine program, which was enjoyed by all.

I enjoyed the privilege of inspecting Corps No. 200, at Leavenworth; No. 271, at the Military Home; No. 42, at Hiawatha; No. 104 and 148, at Atchison, and No. 234, at Bonner Springs.

The latter Corps invited their Post to dinner, and to meet their department officer; they came twenty-five strong, and partook of an excellent dinner. I was most royally received and entertained, and hope my address was a help to them. I want to commend them as kind, willing workers, and loyal to their order.

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When I returned home from my inspection of the Atchison Corps, No. 148, the members sent by me a beautiful bouquet of flowers, with their love and greetings to our Department President, who was at that time in the hospital.

Past National President Belle C. Harris was chosen to inspect Corps No. 3, of Olathe, but was unable to do so on account of being called to the bedside of her sick sister, who later was called to her home beyond. She requested me to fill her place, which I did to the best of my ability.

It is needless to say that there was but little instruction to give, as No. 3 is one of our "livest and best." A school of instruction was held at that date, and representatives from several corps were in attendance.

I installed the officers of No. 271, Military Home, and No. 1, of Kansas City, Kansas, and No. 177, of Argentine.

I shall never forget the pleasure it gave me to attend the National Convention, which was held in Rochester, N. Y. This meeting of our staff, and the pleasant time we had will always be a cherished memory.

When we meet to plan our work for the coming year, let us remember the object of our organization, and keep our inspiring motto, "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty," ever before us as our watchword.

My correspondence the last year has been a source of pleasure to me, and I shall always cherish pleasing recollections of this year's work in the department and the pleasant associations and friendships which I have made through this medium.

Respectfully submitted by,

MRS. KATE C. KILLMER,  
Department Junior Vice-President.

President appoints committee on Report.

*Department President:* The Department Inspector will now read her report.

Mrs. Marian Stratton Nation, Department Secretary:

I have the honor to submit to you and through you to the Department President and the Twenty-eighth Department Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, my annual report as Department Inspector:

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| Total number of Corps inspected . . . . .                           | 138       |
| Number of regular meetings . . . . .                                | 21        |
| Number of members in good standing . . . . .                        | 5483      |
| Average attendance of officers . . . . .                            | 9         |
| Average attendance of members and officers . . . . .                | 16        |
| Average amount charged for initiation not including badge . . . . . | 99        |
| Average amount charged for yearly dues . . . . .                    | 89        |
| Amount of money in general fund . . . . .                           | \$5313 06 |
| Amount of money in relief fund . . . . .                            | \$1330 82 |
| Amount expended for relief during year . . . . .                    | \$1745 38 |
| Estimated value of relief other than money . . . . .                | \$3066 24 |

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| Amount of money turned over to post . . . . .  | \$ 807 55 |
| Amount of money expended for patriotic work . . .  | \$4040 19 |
| Number of Corps reporting ritual memorized . . .   | 21        |
| Number of Corps reporting that dues and reports<br>have been sent to department headquarters . . | 138       |
| Number of Corps reporting blank received from De-<br>partment Inspector . . . . .                | 95        |
| Number of Corps reporting complete set of rituals  | 132       |
| Number of Corps whose treasurer notifies members<br>in arrears for dues . . . . .                | 127       |
| Number of Corps whose treasurer visits delinquents   | 117       |
| Number of Corps reporting members suspended<br>when two quarters in arrears . . . . .            | 69        |
| Number of Corps reporting Corps and Post work-<br>ing in harmony . . . . .                       | 136       |
| Corps sending representative to last convention . .  | 112       |
| Number of representatives making reports of pro-<br>ceedings of convention . . . . .             | 112       |
| Corps whose books show having been audited quar-<br>terly . . . . .                              | 116       |
| Corps showing largest average attendance, Nos. 9,<br>25, 70, 111, 40, 43, 149, 261.              |           |
| Corps showing largest membership, Nos. 9, 25, 40,<br>43, 67, 70, 71, 76, 92, 94, 111, 145.       |           |
| Corps reporting ritualistic work properly performel  | 130       |
| Number of Corps reporting work of secretary and<br>treasurer properly performed . . . . .        | 138       |

### EXTRACTS FROM ASSISTANTS' INSPECTIONS

No. 1.—An excellent Corps, doing good work, and doing it correctly.

No. 2.—An energetic band of women, the best of harmony between them and the Post, taking in new members.

No. 3.—A very active patriotic Corps, work memorized, floor work nearly perfect.

No. 4.—Fine Corps doing good work, home rooms in court house free, officers work faithfully for the good of the order.

No. 5.—A very good Corps, raising money for a monument in memory of deceased soldiers of the Civil War.

No. 6.—One of the oldest and best in the Department, Post and Corps working in harmony.

No. 7.—The work well done. A good Corps, Post and Corps working together.

No. 9.—A fine Corps, doing good work both patriotic and relief.

No. 10.—An able band of women, earnest workers, well drilled in floor work, worthy of much praise.

No. 11.—This is an excellent Corps, work well done, inspection of the Corps most pleasant.

No. 12.—In excellent condition, work well done especially color bearers and conductors. All work in harmony.

No. 15.—Doing good work, adding new members, mostly young women, members anxious to do good work.

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N. 20.—Corps in good condition, work well done, Post and Corps working in perfect harmony.

No. 21.—Fine Corps, giving flags to schools, pay rent for Post, have memorial window in one of the churches, with names of deceased members, painted by one of their members, 77 years old, deserve much credit for their work.

No. 22.—Amount of work accomplished by this Corps is surprising, and they deserve much credit for the relief and patriotic work they do. Last year they turned over to Post over \$200.00. An excellent Corps.

No. 24.—One of our best, working in harmony with Post, books in good shape.

No. 25.—In excellent condition, books of secretary and treasurer perfect. Corps members harmonious and workers. One of the oldest and best.

No. 27.—Gaining new members, improving very much in their work, inspection day served dinner to Post and prominent citizens. Perfect harmony.

No. 28.—A small Corps that deserves credit for persevering under difficulties, work done properly.

No. 29.—This Corps in good condition, Post and Corps own their hall. A beautiful spirit of harmony among the members.

No. 31.—Work mostly memorized. Members nearly all elderly ladies. Corps in fine condition.

No. 32.—Every officer qualified to perform his work, second treasurer perfect, an active, enthusiastic, up-to-date Corps.

No. 33.—Entertained the District Convention, their work was beyond the average, they are raising funds for a soldiers' monument, entertained their guest royally.

No. 35.—A small Corps but deserves much credit for its effort to keep together. This Corps I know would appreciate encouragement from the Department.

No. 36.—A faithful band of workers considering their small membership.

No. 37.—A good working Corps, work memorized, Post and Corps work in harmony.

No. 39.—They are a small band of intelligent, patriotic workers and understand the work well.

No. 40.—One of the best, growing in membership very fast, great interest in all work. Work perfect.

No. 42.—Peace and harmony prevail, a loyal band of patriotic women, work in harmony with Post, who own their hall, the Corps have their rent free. They miss the wise counsel and advice of our dear Sister Chase, who has passed beyond.

No. 43.—This is a grand good Corps, do much relief and patriotic work. At inspection fed about 200. Presented a beautiful silk flag to the Alpha Beta Society. Have a sinking fund, intend to erect a monument to the boys in blue.

No. 45.—This Corps lost everything by fire, yet their patriotism is so inspiring that many new members have joined the ranks. Our Department President gave them their sup-

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plies and they did not miss a meeting. Twenty-two members since the fire.

No. 48.—A good Corps composed of patriotic women doing good work. Books beautifully kept. Post and Corps work in harmony.

No. 50.—No inspection as the ladies were serving a pension dinner. This Corps needing encouragement.

No. 51.—Corps found in very good condition. Books of secretary and treasurer found correct.

No. 52.—I find the work conditions and outlook for this Corps beyond criticism. Floor work perfect. All work done properly. Harmony between Post and Corps.

No. 53.—Corps does its work nicely. Books properly kept. An energetic, bright set of women.

No. 54.—Work nicely performed. Books of secretary and treasurer properly kept.

No. 56.—A large Corps with good attendance. Floor work well done. A sensible, practical body of women.

No. 57.—A band of faithful and loyal women doing their work in almost a perfect manner. Books perfectly kept. A Corps that it does one good to visit.

No. 59.—Inspection held in the midst of a blizzard, yet twelve members were present. Books found correct. Expect a profitable year.

No. 61.—Work done fine. Their room is small, if they had a larger room work would have been nearly perfect. Books correct.

No. 63.—Corps in good working condition, twelve members taken in. Work and books properly done.

No. 64.—A most excellent Corps, good attendance, good set of officers, books fine, enjoy joint meetings with the Post.

No. 65.—Always serve election dinner and at Thanksgiving, distributing eatables among the poor of old soldiers' families. This Corps is doing a good work. Very patriotic.

This is a No. 1 Corps, in fine condition, do their work well, have an influence in the community for everything that is good.

No. 68.—This Corps is composed of excellent women that understand the work, but are handicapped by so few members. Always decorate the graves of soldiers and deceased members. They deserve much praise.

No. 69.—A new Corps but members are so enthusiastic about the work that I see a bright future for them. Books perfect.

No. 70.—This is one of the largest Corps in the state. Work well done. Books perfectly kept.

No. 71.—One of our best Corps. Doing much for patriotism. Just erected a \$1500 monument to the unknown dead, placed in Military Park. Work perfectly performed.

No. 72.—A very energetic band of women, doing good work, their books nicely and correctly kept. They are a good Corps.

No. 73.—In prosperous condition, working harmoniously, books neat and absolutely correct.



OLIVE J. PETERS  
Department Chaplain



AGNES MICHAELS  
Department Inspector



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No. 74.—A splendid, earnest, patriotic set of women, work well done, have started a monument fund.

No. 75.—The only Corps in Doniphan County, they have a great work to do. Gave a fair last fall, cleared \$121.00, do much relief and patriotic work.

No. 76.—Too much praise cannot be given this Corps, all busy and enthusiastic in the work, doing much patriotic and relief work, encourage weaker Corps around them, have a cradle roll and give each baby a silk flag.

No. 77.—Adding new members, have a beautiful new hall, books properly kept, and secretary and treasurer's books corresponding. This Corps deserves a good report.

No. 80.—A small, weak Corps, they need all the encouragement and assistance possible, their work was well done.

No. 81.—Do their work very well.

No. 84.—This is our Department President's Corps, and has many young women, they are very active and patriotic, doing a grand, good work.

No. 87.—This Corps is small, but the members are energetic and intelligent, just a little effort is needed to make this Corps a model, the floor work and books are correct.

No. 89.—One of the best in the Department. Loyal and live to the order, doing much good, presented flags to several rooms in schools, books correct.

No. 90.—Books properly kept, work good, trying hard to build up the Corps, they are working under difficulties.

No. 91.—District Convention held here. They gave the work very nicely, are a band of loyal, energetic women, working hard for the prosperity of the Corps.

No. 92.—Doing well and much interest manifested in the work, books properly kept, true patriotic work in the schools.

No. 94.—In good condition, with officers performing their work properly, good turnout for inspection.

No. 96.—A wide-awake Corps, do excellent work, every book correct, very harmonious.

No. 98.—Entertained the District Convention, the work well done, they are to be commended for the great work they are doing for the comrades; books found correct.

No. 99.—A good, live Corps, work well done, books correct, look after the sick and needy, carry flowers and words of cheer.

No. 102.—Conditions favorable, all work in harmony, books of secretary and treasurer correct.

No. 108.—Only a few out, but these were loyal and true, books found correct, county superintendent promised them he would help the Corps to teach the flag salute in schools.

No. 104.—This Corps has poor attendance, but all are anxious and willing and should be encouraged.

No. 107.—This Corps in good condition, though small in numbers, they are harmonious and energetic, observe Flag Day and Decoration Day. No Post there.

No. 110.—In excellent condition, treasury full, reports

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show they are doing a great work, they make arrangements and bear all expenses of Decoration Day, all books and reports correct.

No. 111.—Books of secretary and treasurer found to be correct, every one doing their work in a perfect manner. This is one of the largest and best in the state, a pleasure to inspect.

No. 112.—A grand, good Corps, ritualistic, and floor work beautifully done. Do a great deal of relief and patriotic work.

No. 113.—Corps in good condition, members take lots of interest, gained ten members last year. For their interest, enthusiasm, and the relief work they do they deserve great credit.

No. 117. Conditions good, prospects fine, an enthusiastic, patriotic band of women, the work well done.

No. 118.—They are a small Corps, doing good work, faithful and patriotic. Books found correct.

No. 122.—I found this Corps composed of elderly women, full of patriotism and doing what they could for the good of the order, books found correct.

No. 125.—Work well done, considering the age of the performers. Somewhat discouraged but loyal, books found correct.

No. 130.—In splendid condition, floor work well done. Post and Corps in harmony, books found correct.

No. 133.—A fine Corps, good attendance, and good work done. Are raising a fund for a soldiers' monument. Books found correct.

No. 135.—Found much improvement of Corps over last year. Books found correct.

No. 137.—I found that very little interest was taken in the work of this Corps, poor attendance, but the President doing all she can to encourage the members. Books found correct.

No. 141.—Had a bad stormy day, so was not enough members to fill the chairs. Books found correct.

No. 145.—Found this Corps doing fine work. Books found correct. A beautiful monument erected to unknown dead, and much patriotic work in schools to the year's credit.

No. 146.—I found a very small Corps, but members were faithful. Books found correct.

No. 148.—I found this Corps composed of elderly women, have good officers, but on account of having meetings in third story of the building the attendance is small. Books found correct.

No. 149.—This Corps doing good work, but have small membership. Books correct.

No. 150.—I found this Corps doing their work nicely, but have been working, somewhat, under difficulties. Books found correct.

No. 155.—Found this Corps doing work nicely for so small a corps. Books found correct.

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No. 156.—Found this Corps composed mainly of elderly women, doing fine floor work, almost perfect. Books found correct.

No. 171.—I found this Corps doing fine floor work, almost perfect. Books found correct.

No. 172.—I find this Corps doing splendid work and composed mostly of elderly women, work fine together. Books correct.

No. 174.—Found a small Corps, but under the right conditions think they could do good work; the books have not been audited quarterly.

No. 176.—Found this Corps not doing as well as they might in harmony with the Post, have been holding meetings in a member's parlor because the Post had sold the hall. Books found correct.

No. 177.—I found this Corps above the average, they should be especially recommended for their patriotic work. Books found correct.

No. 178.—Find this Corps composed of very active members, doing good work. Books found to be correct.

No. 185.—This is a "Sunshine" Corps, working with best of success. Books correct.

No. 187.—I find this Corps doing well, have taken in ten new members the last year. Books correct.

No. 188.—Books of secretary and treasurer correspond. Doing good work.

No. 189.—This Corps is in fine working condition, take great interest in work. Books correct.

No. 192.—A small but enthusiastic Corps and all working for the good of the order. Books correct.

No. 197.—A small Corps but loyal workers. Books correct.

No. 200.—I find good interest taken in the work of this Corps, all elderly women. Books correct.

No. 206.—I find this a fine Corps, and doing splendid work. Books correct.

No. 208.—I find this Corps doing nice work. Paid \$192 on hospital built at Wellington, and are in splendid condition. Books correct.

No. 213.—This Corps is in very good condition, doing their work nicely, with fair attendance of officers and members. Books found correct.

No. 220.—I find this Corps composed mostly of elderly women, too feeble to attend, but very loyal. Books are not audited quarterly.

No. 221.—I find much interest taken in the work of this Corps, but there are many too old to attend. Books found correct.

No. 222.—I find this Corps composed mostly of old soldiers' wives, seem very loyal. Books found correct.

No. 228.—This is a very promising Corps. Books well kept.

No. 230.—I find this a very good Corps, loyal, helping when they can. Books correct.

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No. 234.—This is a good active Corps, doing good work. Books found correct.

No. 237.—I find much interest taken in this Corps, work beautifully done. Books correct.

No. 238.—I find a good, but small Corps, mostly of elderly women. Books correct.

No. 239.—I find this Corps a noble band of women doing the best they can, as some are getting old. Books well kept.

No. 240.—I found this Corps one of the best, doing good work. Books found correct.

No. 241.—This Corps in fine shape, taking in many new members, much improvement in floor work in past year. Books correct.

No. 242.—I find this Corps doing good work. Books correct, but not audited quarterly.

No. 248.—I find this Corps doing well, and much can be said in their favor. Books correct.

No. 254.—I found this a good Corps, everything harmonious. Books in excellent shape.

No. 255.—This Corps is in good condition, is small, but growing. Books correct.

No. 259.—I find the work of this Corps very well done. Everything going fine. Books correct.

No. 260.—This is a good Corps, doing good work. Books found correct.

No. 261.—I find the work of this Corps first-class. Books found correct.

No. 262.—This Corps is comparatively new but composed of earnest little women, doing the best they can. Books correct.

No. 263.—I found the work here partly memorized. I think this Corps needs encouragement.

No. 264.—I found this Corps in good condition, doing nice work, and taking great pride in it. Books correct.

No. 266.—This is a small Corps, but doing good work. Books correct.

No. 267.—I find this Corps in fair shape but working under difficulties. Books correct.

No. 268.—I find this a young Corps, but members working for good of the order. Books correct.

No. 270.—I found this Corps doing nice work, but have not sufficient floor work. Books correct.

No. 273.—I found this a new Corps and work was new to them, but are willing to receive instructions in best of spirit. Books correct.

No. 275.—I found this Corps in fine condition and doing their work fine. Books correct.

I wish every member of this Department could read all the reports, which you would have to do to find out the many things that are being done by our Corps, the many acts of kindness, the money raised for monuments, relief and patriotic work, also the struggles and trials that some of them

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have, and how cheerfully they bear them. Many corps do not give in what they do for relief, so do not get credit for it.

Everywhere the Inspectors were royally entertained. Many Corps invited guests, held camp-fires, invited comrades and had a general good time.

I would like to suggest that Corps wanting a special inspector, ask for her before the assistant inspectors are appointed, as it may save the Department Inspector a great deal of trouble.

It was not the fault of some of the Corps that they were not inspected, owing to the sickness of our Department President, and she having to give up that part of the work. It seemed as if we could not find Inspectors. These Corps, though not inspected, are just as loyal and true.

To the Assistant Inspectors: I want to thank you for the efficient manner in which you performed your work and for the many acts of kindness shown to me. Many pleasant friendships were formed.

To our Dear President: I want to extend my thanks for the honor, conferred not only on me, but No. 25 as well. I have tried to faithfully perform my duties and if I have met with her approval am more than repaid. We have so much to be thankful for this past year that the Lord has spared her to us, and may the friendships formed only grow the stronger as the years go by.

Submitted in F. C. and L.,

AGNES MICHAELIS,  
Department Inspector.

*Delegate:* I move that the rest of the reports be left to read in the Journal.

*Mrs. Forter:* Mrs. President, I want to amend this motion. We come here to hear the reports and not simply to elect officers. It is not the entire business of the convention. The real business is to do that which will build up the work of the Corps. Now, ladies, I appeal to you if that was not a report worth listening to. I want to notify you of one thing, that Agnes Michaelis has a password of her own and she gave it out every time, "Books correct." Not one single delinquency, it is worth coming to Wichita to hear. Just little Corps, not large ones. Just notice the amount of money in the general fund in our Department, \$5313.06. Amount of money in relief fund, \$1330.82. Now, give me close attention; relief through the year, \$1745.36, estimated value of relief other than money, \$3066.34. Turned over to Posts, \$807.55. This item pleased me most of all; I am especially interested in the amount of money expended for

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patriotic work, \$4040.19. I am proud that every woman in the Woman's Relief Corps helped to earn this money. We worked hard, we gave socials, we raised this \$4040.19 to pay it out willingly for flags, etc.

*Department President:* There is a committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, which has been waiting during the report. Conductors, color bearers, you will retire and escort in the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

*Conductor:* Mrs. President, I have the honor to present to you Mrs. Williams, Past Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the committee.

*Department President:* You will escort the ladies to this platform. I have the pleasure to introduce to you, Mrs. Hattie Williams, Mrs. Lyda Miller, and Mrs. Brett. Convention, Salute. Mrs. Deputy, will you respond for us?

*Mrs. Deputy:* This is a surprise and a very great privilege to allow me to deliver a message to you in greetings to these ladies. Mrs. Williams and others, I assure it is a pleasure to welcome you in this convention. I have known you for quite a while, your work being in harmony with, and along the same line as our work. We come together realizing that perhaps in the future years we will gather without the privilege of visiting the Grand Army of the Republic Convention. We will take up their work; as Comrade Smith said today, we would have to take up the work where they laid it down, and on behalf of this convention, I extend to you the greetings of this convention.

*Department President:* Mrs. Williams, may we hear from you?

*Mrs. Williams:* Sister President, Ladies of the convention, it is indeed to me a pleasure to be allowed to bear the greetings of my own convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to this magnificent convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, and I assure you that I bring the warmest love and greetings from my own convention. As Sister Deputy has said, our work is along the same lines, just a different name, we work for the same objects, love the

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same comrades, and we should be in peace and harmony. There is nothing that promotes life and wealth and age like harmony and peace. The more we bring that into our lives, the more beautiful we become. I had the pleasure of working with Sister Deputy, as Department President, and we worked side by side, and it was always harmonious and pleasant, all joy and pleasant greetings. That is all I have in my heart for each one of you today. And your dear President, who has labored so hard and so kindly and with such sisterly devotion with the President of our organization. We feel encouraged for her help and encouragement. And now, sisters, just a few more years and we will meet in these conventions and we will hold them without the comradeship of the comrades of the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we must still stay with our work and promote it with power and force for the generations that will follow. The Stars and Stripes, how much did it cost our citizens? They gave their lives, they laid in prison, but they bore to victory the beautiful banner we love so well, the emblem of life and liberty, the emblem of the American people. The heroes of that great glory that made it possible for the Republic to free the whole land. And whoever shall travel on land or sea or walk under the folds of that flag has the protection of this great government of ours. Who made it possible for that protection? Your father and mine, your husband and mine, your brother and mine; linked together in the great common interest, fraternity, charity and loyalty. I know you are very busy in the business of your convention. I hope the deliberations will be good, pure and kind as they ought to be, and that the convention, when it closes, you may feel that you have been greatly benefited by gathering in this, your annual convention. To you, Sister Hendricks, in behalf of our committee, I give to you this little token of love and affection meaning the same to you as to us, and bearing the good wishes of our convention.

*Department President:* I thank you, Mrs. Williams. Please convey to your Department President,

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Ida E. Dickerson, my grateful appreciation of this beautiful testimonial of love.

*Mrs. Miller:* I am not a speaker, but will pin this badge on you, Mrs. President. As you know, this is our convention badge.

*Department President:* There is a question that has been asked me many times, that I now wish to answer and place in its true light. The question, "Is it true you are a member of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic? I joined the Circle at Thayer, Kansas, and after two years or a little longer, we had to surrender our charter for need of members, but three or four remaining. We were issued a certificate of good standing and have so remained from that time up to date, I will also add I have never enrolled with any other Circle in the Department and am a member at large. When I moved to Cherryvale, I united with the Woman's Relief Corps, at that place, and once more was working in their ranks. I am proud to say that my heart is large enough and my love true enough to embrace every good thing and every charitable work of the two organizations and have worked for both whenever or wherever the necessity demanded, returned all favors and recognized both with the true spirit of fraternity, charity and loyalty.

*Mrs. Brett:* Sisters of the Woman's Relief Corps, I am not a public speaker and not used to making speeches, but when I was a little child and brought up in the Methodist Church, I heard a good old brother express himself that, "he found it good to be here." I have had a desire to see the inside of your gatherings myself and am delighted at the opportunity to look in your faces and greet you as sisters doing the same work we do. I thank you.

*Department President:* Color bearers, conductors, you will escort the ladies to the door.

*Department President:* Color bearers, conductors, you will retire and escort the Drum Corps. (Chautauqua salute given as they enter.)

*Conductor:* Mrs. President, I have the honor to introduce to you, the Topeka Drum Corps, Sons of Veterans.





MRS. STALPIN

Past Department President and Department Counsellor



ANNA E. HOUGHTON  
Department I. and I. Officer

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*Department President:* You will conduct the Sons to this platform. Convention, it gives me pleasure to introduce to you the Sons of Veterans' Drum Corps. Convention salute.

*Drum Major:* Sisters, fifty years ago, every man that went out, 61 to 65, had some sweetheart or some girl, so we have always wanted to play "The Girl I Left Behind Me," and we are going to give you that tune now. (Drum Corps plays.) Now, you remember 1865. We will give you another tune that you were glad to hear when the boys came marching home. (Plays, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home.") Applause.

*Mary C. Todd:* On the day of which our friend speaks, I sat down on the street in the City of Indianapolis. The drum corps played that very air. I watched my husband disappear in the dim distance, and many of us never had the pleasure of seeing them return. May I ask that all the ladies, wives of soldiers, who went to the front, please rise.

*Department President:* I am glad to meet you today. Your music has been inspiring. I hope it will be the pleasure of many conventions to follow, to meet and greet you.

*Drum Major:* May I say to the convention, I hope that this Drum Corps will be with you next year.

*Department President:* Conductors, color bearers, you will escort the Sons to the door.

*Mrs. Beach:* The day our regiment marched away, I had four noble brothers and a brother-in-law and a sweetheart, now my husband; when they went away we girls went down to say goodbye and the captain ordered them to open ranks and we shook hands with every one, and they played "The Girl I Left Behind me."

*Chairman Credential Committee:* At the last count there were 303 votes on the floor and 335 in convention.

*Mrs. Forter:* I move that we proceed with the regular order of business. Seconded. Motion carried.

*Department President:* Nominations are now in order for Department President.

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*Mollie Lee:* I wish to place in nomination Maggie Dornblazer, of No. 53. Nomination seconded by Elfie Howe, 76; Rose Bugg, 76; Ida Akers, 171; Myra DeLand, 62, and others.

*Mrs. Edith Scott, 177, Kansas City:* I wish to place in nomination, our present Junior Vice, Mrs. Kate Kilmer, who is a member of 177. We have never asked anything of the Department before. We have four Corps in Kansas City and feel we are entitled to this honor at this time, and we know you can make no mistake in electing her as Department President. Nomination seconded by Rachel Stewart, 7; Maggie Byrd, 84; Mrs. Cora Butler, 56; Mary J. Smythe, 133; Inez Kincaid, 70; Corps 11; Second District, Agnes Heigle; Cora M. Deputy; Mrs. Byers, 234; Corps 7, Corps No. 40; Emma Crocker, 40; Louisa VanDyne, 40; Corps 43; Bessie Murdock, 43; June Gill, 185; Corps 185; 467; 9; 87; 4; Anna M. Johnson, 5; 259; Martha Fitzgerald, 94; Kate Pond, 271; Louisa Walls, Annie Galvin, 5; Mary Richardson, 174; Mrs. Ball, 145; Ida Kilmer, 119; Luverna Williamson, 71; Emma Church, 230; Leona Nugent, 42; Emma Babcock, 75; Mattie Rice, 74; Winifred Jenkins, 238; Parmelia Lawler, 92; Carrie Frisbie, 94; Pocahontas Skinner; Esther Hultz; 24; 2; 96; 51; 71; 22; 113; 239; 200; 206; 137; 261; Mary Jones Lease; Mary A. Nichols, 99; Ella Miller, 234; Belle C. Harris, 70; Ida Dawson, 33; Ida Jay, 263; Jennie Connor, 273; Mary Matthews, 40, and others.

*Flora Davis:* Mrs. President, and Ladies of the Convention, it is with pleasure that I appear again before you in behalf of Agnes Michaelis. She has been on the executive board and is thoroughly qualified to execute the duties of this office. Knowing her personally, as I have for so many years, I can vouch for her as your Department President. No. 25 has never had a department office with the exception of the one she now holds. Nomination seconded by Julia A. Campbell, 111; Anna Hall Stevens, 40; Una M. Kessler, 40; May G. Turner, 178; Melissa Hurst, 189; Ida Strickland; Florence Tyler; Mary Wilmer, 240; Laura Myers, 240; Kittie Williams, 57; Lina Lyman, 3; Lyda J. Keys, 111; Louise Evason, 156; 111; 222; Ellen Fisher, 247, and others.

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*Belle C. Harris:* Mrs. President, in order that the business may be facilitated in a measure, I move that the tellers retire to count the results of this election.

Julia McCarthy Wood seconds that motion.  
(Motion carries).

*Belle C. Harris:* It is always customary and courteous to the candidates, to allow them to send a friend with the candidates.

*Mrs. Kilmer:* We have the utmost confidence in the tellers.

*Department President:* Now, girls, no demonstrations when the results are announced. I feel that we all ought to put ourselves in the other girl's place.

*Credential Committee:* There are now 236 votes on the floor.

*Department President:* I will ask the ladies nominated for President to come to the platform, the ladies want to look at you. Now, ladies, here they are; very nice looking ladies; take your choice. Conductors, you will collect the ballots. Has everyone voted? If so, I declare the ballot closed. Tellers retire to count votes.

### *Report of the Department Counsellor:*

Marian S. Nation, Department Secretary, Woman's Relief Corps:

Dear Sister: In accordance with the rules and regulations of our order, I have the honor to submit to you, and through you, to the Twenty-eighth Annual Convention, my report.

Since upon me has devolved the honor and pleasure of working shoulder to shoulder with those in our order who accomplish much, and who understand so thoroughly our intricate laws, I have noted with interest and pleasure the working out of the noble plans for which our order was organized.

Although sickness has claimed our Department President for much of the time during her term of office, we cannot but admire her fine ability and her efforts which at times were beyond her strength, and feel that she was eminently qualified for her position, and my advice and counsel were unnecessary.

Our relations have been most harmonious and pleasant, but have been largely personal and confidential and do not come into the annual report, however, to the few questions that have been submitted to me, I have given

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careful thought and have rendered decisions in accordance with my judgment and interpretation of our laws.

I have received and answered many letters and have enjoyed very much the greetings and cheerful messages from Corps and Corps members.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

SARAH E. STAPLIN,  
Department Counsellor.

President refers to committee on the same.

*Mrs. Carson:* The committee on telegrams and greetings has a number of greetings sent to the convention and I will now read them.

Union, Oregon, May 16, 1912.

Lillian A. Hendricks, Department President, Woman's Relief Corps, Cherryvale, Kansas.

My Dear President: Owing to a necessary change in my itinerary I find that it will be impossible for me to make the intended visit to your convention. This I sincerely regret, but duty calls me to the Department of Kentucky on the same date.

Please extend my greetings to your convention assembled. I congratulate the Department of Kansas upon having one of the best Department Presidents of the year.

I congratulate you, dear president, upon your splendid administration, glorious in its results, even though you were handicapped by serious illness. I trust that your convention may be all that is so richly merited by your year of hard work with its wonderful achievements.

Loyally yours in F. C. and L.

CORA M. DAVIS,  
National President

Marysville, Kan.

To Woman's Relief Corps, Assembled in Convention, Greeting:

To each one and all, my earnest wishes for a splendid convention and May God speed you in the good work.

Fraternally yours.

EMILY A. SCOTT,  
Past Department Chaplain.

Cawker City, Kan. May 20, 1912.

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Dear Sisters: I wish to express the great pleasure it was to attend the convention of 1911, and to say my thoughts will be with you this week and that although Mr. Alrich and myself are detained at home this year, we shall enjoy the report our children bring us.

EMMA B. ALRICH.  
Past Department President, Kansas, W. R. C.

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Norton, Kansas, May 18, 1912.  
Lillian A. Hendricks, Department President Woman's Relief Corps:

My Dear Mrs. Hendricks: Greetings to the Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps. Words cannot express my regrets at being unable to be one of the number in convention assembled this year, but my health will not permit it. My thoughts will be with you and I wish for you a very pleasant and profitable convention. I congratulate you upon your successful administration of the past year.

Very sincerely in F. C. and L.,  
LUCY REED JONES,  
Past Department President.

Topeka, Kan., May 21, 1912.  
To the Members of the Convention:

It is a matter of deep regret to me that I will be unable to attend the convention this year. But my thoughts and heart are with you, and I wish for you all a pleasant, successful and profitable convention.

Cordially in F. C. and L.,  
IDA WILSON MOORE,  
Past National Secretary and Past Department President.

Melvern, Kan., May 20, '12.  
My Dear President:

Loving greetings to you and all members in convention assembled. I heartily congratulate you upon your efficient and successful administration and deeply regret that sickness keeps me from attending your convention. Wishing you a pleasant and harmonious meeting, I am yours for the good of the Grand Army of the Republic and our noble order.

MRS. S. J. BOONE,  
Past Department Senior Vice-President.

Parsons, Kan., May 21, 1912.  
Mrs. Lillian A. Hendricks, Department President, Woman's Relief Corps.

Dear Mrs. Hendricks: Accept greetings and best wishes for a pleasant and successful convention. Sorry I can't be with you.

Yours in F. C. and L.,  
IDA M. HEACOCK-BAKER,  
Department Press Correspondent.

In the name of Pawnee Rock State Board, we send greetings to convention assembled; also thanks for flag donated as per wire from Patriotic Instructor, Lilla L. Godfrey.

MRS. J. S. SIMMONS.

Captain Carnahan, from National Soliders' Home, sends best wishes and a "God bless you all assembled in convention."

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Special Aides: Mrs. Lou Dutton, of Erie, and Mrs. M. M. Millen, of Clay County, sends messages of greeting and good wishes to this convention.

Headquarters Department of Kansas, G. A. R.

Topeka, Kan., May 24, 1912.

Lillian A. Hendricks, Department President Woman's Relief Corps, Cherryvale Kan.

My Dear Sister: I have been instructed, as assistant Adjutant General by the Department Encampment, to convey to you the sincere, heartfelt thanks of the Encampment for the labor, time and money spent by you in the organization of one Post and the reinstatement of two more during this year of our administration, and we hope and pray that you may gain your much desired health and strength and be spared many years to continue your good work in this grand, glorious and patriotic organization, which you are so much interested in.

Yours truly and sincerely in F. C. and L.

J. M. MILLER,

Assistant Adjutant General.

*Mary Buckner:* Mrs. President, Mary Buckner, of No. 40, moves that the committee on greetings be instructed to send greetings to all Past Department Presidents, who are not with us and to those who have sent greetings to us. Seconded by Sarah E. Staplin. (Motion carried.)

Letters of sympathy also ordered sent to Mrs. Griffith and others.

The Department Secretary then read report of the Press Correspondent.

Parsons, Kan., April 13, 1912.

Marian S. Nation, Department Secretary, Woman's Relief Corps.

Dear Madam: I have the pleasure to submit to you, and through you to the Twenty-eighth Annual Convention, my report as Department Press Correspondent.

My appointment dates from July 29, 1911.

My first official business was to write to Arthur Capper, publisher of the Topeka Capital, and secure space in his columns for Woman's Relief Corps items.

I wish to express my appreciation of the work of the Corps Press Correspondents who aided me by sending such interesting reports. Was more than pleased to note the number of flags presented during the year.

I had the privilege of inspecting Oswego Corps, No. 69, also attended the Third District Convention and sent in report of inspection of Corps No. 98, Pittsburg.

I am convinced that the office of Press Correspondent, both Corps and Department, is an important one, as it is



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of great benefit to have the practical work of the Woman's Relief Corps known and appreciated by the public.

And, now, I wish to thank the Department President, Mrs. Lillian A. Hendricks, for the honor and confidence conferred upon me by the appointment.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

IDA HEACOCK-BAKER,  
Department Press Correspondent.

(Referred to committee on same.)

The Department Secretary reads report of Delegate-at-large.

To the Department Secretary:

Dear Madam: I appreciated very much the honor our Department conferred upon me when it elected me delegate-at-large, at the National Convention held in the City of Rochester, N. Y.

I was unable to attend but few of the sessions and my report must be very brief, for which the following resolutions will explain:

RACHEL E. STEWART.

The following resolution was adopted at the Headquarters of the Department of Kansas, Grand Army of the Republic, N. Y.:

"Whereas, Mrs. Rachel E. Stewart, a special aide on the staff of Mrs. Lillian A. Hendricks, president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, personally took charge of and made all of the arrangements for the preparation and shipment of the body of Comrade Mercer from Rochester to Eldorado, Kan.; and

"Whereas, every detail was carefully watched over, managed and controlled by Mrs. Stewart in a most careful and thoroughly efficient manner, therefore be it

"Resolved, by the delegates, alternates, past department commanders, officers and members of the Department of Kansas, Grand Army, in meeting assembled at Department Headquarters at the Eggleston Hotel, at Rochester, N. Y., on this 25th day of August, A. D., 1911, in attendance at the national Grand Army of the Republic Encampment, that our thanks are due and are hereby extended to Mrs. Rachel E. Stewart, special aide on the staff of Mrs. Lillian A. Hendricks, President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, for her extraordinary kindness and efficiency in caring for the body of our deceased comrade, and in seeing that it was properly prepared for burial, and in causing it to be shipped to Eldorado Kan., his former home. She could not have taken any greater interest in or given greater care to the body if it had been the body of a dear friend. Too much praise cannot be given to her."

The Department of the Woman's Relief Corps extends its sincere thanks to Rachel Stewart, our delegate-at-large, for her loyal performance of this duty.

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Committee appointed on same.

*Department President*: Tellers report.

Total number of votes cast, 284; necessary to choice, 143; of which Maggie Dornblazer receives 33; Kate Kilmer, 179; Agnes Michaelis, 72.

*Department President*: You have elected Mrs. Kilmer for your next Department President.

*Mrs. Michaelis*: Mrs. President, allow me to present our elected Department President. Now, I know No. 25 has fighting blood in them and will not give up. Neither will I.

*Mrs. Kilmer*: Mrs. President, sisters of this convention, I fully realize the responsibility of this position. I have been closely associated with our Department President in her work this year and I know what it means. There is not very much of me, I am done up in a small package and would not be able or capable of doing this work without the support of each and every one of you, and when I come here next year to preside over the convention, I want you to be glad that you have been loyal and faithful to me and also to our order. I thank you.

*Department President*: Nominations are now in order for Senior Vice-president.

*Julia McCarthy Wood*: The members of this convention are greatly indebted to Wichita and Corps No. 40 for courtesies during our stay here, and we feel that we owe them something for their kindness to us. I wish to nominate Minnie Beach, No. 40, for Senior Vice-president.

*Mrs. Carson*: I wish to nominate Agnes Michaelis.

*Belle C. Harris*: I second that motion.

Mrs. Beach's nomination seconded by Nos. 7, 208, 11, 94, 75, 5, 200, 271, 84, 117, 137, 234, 40; Etta Drake, 40; Evalyn Bradford Knipe, 40; Mrs. Crocker, 40, and others.

*Agnes Michaelis*: I feel grateful to the sisters and to those who nominated me, but I would not allow my name to go against the Wichita candidate, and beg to withdraw. I move that the election be made unanimous. Motion seconded. Motion carried.



LILLA C. GODFREY  
Department Patriotic Instructor

IDA M. BAKER  
Department Press Correspondent



MAGGIE DORNBLASER  
Past Department Treasurer  
Chairman of Executive Board

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Secretary is instructed to cast the vote of the convention.

*Department Secretary:* I here cast the entire vote of this convention, 236 votes, for Minnie Beach, of No. 40, for Senior Vice-president of the Department of Kansas.

Mrs. Michaelis escorts Mrs. Beach to the platform.

*Department President:* Ladies of the convention, I have the honor to introduce to you your next Senior Vice Department President, Mrs. Beach, of No. 40.

*Mrs. Beach:* Department of Kansas to whom I owe this honor, I take this as a gift from the Department. It is one that you are in the habit of giving to the city where you visit. I will promise you one thing and the majority of No. 40 will bear me out, whatever I try to do I will do well. I have worked for eighteen years in the Corps. I thank you for this honor.

*Department President:* Nominations are now in order for Junior Vice-president.

*Sarah Staplin:* I wish to place in nomination Agnes Michaelis.

*Department President:* All who wish a second that motion, rise. Are there any other nominations? If there are no other nominations, I declare the nominations closed and instruct the Secretary to cast the entire vote of the convention for Agnes Michaelis, for Junior Vice-President.

*Department Secretary:* I hereby cast 236 votes of this convention for Agnes Michaelis for Junior Vice-president.

*Department President:* I wish to introduce to you, your new Junior- Vice-President, the baby of the family.

*Agnes Michaelis:* I thank you for this honor. I feel it as much an honor to be Junior as Department President. Don't you know Mrs. Hendricks was Junior before she was Department President. Perhaps I will do the same.

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*Department President:* A motion to adjourn is now in order.

Motion made, seconded, carried.

Convention adjourned till 8:30 Thursday morning.

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### THURSDAY MORNING

Convention opened with a Scripture reading followed by the Lord's Prayer.

*Department President:* Guards, can you vouch that all present are members of the Woman's Relief Corps?

*Chief Guard:* Mrs. President, we can.

*Department President:* We will now have the minutes of the Auditing Committee read by the Department Secretary.

Mrs. President: Your Auditing Committee met at the home of the Department President in Cherryvale, December 14, 1911, and the following is their report: We have examined the books of the secretary and treasurer, of the Department to date, and find them correct.

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| Balance in General Fund ..... | 4..... | \$161.97 |
| Balance in Relief Fund .....  |        | 375.14   |
| Balance in Flag Fund .....    |        | 26.35    |

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Total in all Funds ..... \$563.46

MAGGIE DORNBLAZER, Chairman,  
LULU E. HOUSE,  
JULIA M'CARTHY WOOD.

Wichita, May 20, 1912.

To the Department President, Woman's Relief Corps:

We, the Auditing Board, have examined the books to date and found them correct:

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| Balance in                   |  |          |
| General Fund .....           |  | \$440.44 |
| Relief Fund .....            |  | 350.14   |
| Flag Fund .....              |  | 18.25    |
| Southern Memorial Fund ..... |  | 37.25    |
| Sunflower Fund .....         |  | 26.35    |

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Total in all Funds ..... \$872.43  
General Fund ..... \$440.44

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| Relief Fund .....  | 350.14 |
| Special Fund ..... | 81.85  |

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| Total ..... | \$872.43 |
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MAGGIE DORNBLAZER,  
LOUISA VANDINE,  
LULU E. HOUSE.  
Auditing Committee.

### DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Report of inspection of the Department of Kansas' books:

The relations of the Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps were most cordial and harmonious.

The past year has shown much spent for relief and patriotic work. The books of the Department Secretary and Department Treasurer were in perfect condition and the Department in excellent shape.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

AGNES MICHAELIS,  
Department Inspector.

Moved by Cora M. Deputy, seconded by Emma Fisher and Evalyn Bradford Knipe, that report be accepted. Motion carried.

Senior Aide's report read by secretary:

### REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR AIDE AND CHIEF OF STAFF

Norton, Kansas, April 22, 1912.

Marian Stratton Nation, Department Secretary, Woman's Relief Corps.

Dear Madam: Having again been honored with the appointment of Senior Aide and Chief of Staff, I herewith submit to you and through you, to the Twenty-eighth Annual Convention, my report. I have endeavored to discharge the duties of my position as I understood them, and to the best of my ability.

In October, a circular letter was sent from this office to the Aides, but owing to the severe illness of our dear President, it was overlooked and did not reach the Aides until later, when with the approval of the Department President, it was mailed with General Orders.

In reply to this circular many pleasant letters were received. All seemed to realize that work and honor go hand in hand with the office, and each one pledged anew their allegiance. Many personal letters and cards have been written by me, and all reports have been acknowledged. I have tried to keep in touch with each Aide.

I wish it were possible to give in full the reports of excellent work done, which would no doubt be an inspiration to others for renewed effort, but the family of Aides being so

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large this year, numbering 474, it is impossible to give a detailed account of all these reports, and in compiling a general report much condensing was necessary. Even then, with so large a staff of Aides, this report will be very lengthy. This year has seen quite a gain in membership, the total number reported to me, being 255.

Also the number of flags presented to schools, churches and other societies, has been so many that we certainly call this flag year.

Number of Aides appointed 474. Special and Department reporting 393.

Every Department Aide fully appreciates the honor conferred upon her by the Department President, the year's work has been one of much pleasure and the privilege of serving in this capacity has added much to patriotic influence of our order and now in closing this report, I wish to thank our Department President for the honor conferred upon me and also each one of the Aides who have worked with me during this past year.

The many letters written and received have brought us in close touch with the work, and enabled us to realize more fully that in our beloved order we certainly have some of the grandest and most patriotic women in our country. Again, I thank our President for the honor of serving as her Senior Aide.

It has been a labor of love. Respectfully submitted in  
F. C. and L.

MOLLY JONES LEASE,  
Department Senior Aide and Chief of Staff.

Committee appointed on same.

Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

Report of committee on report of Senior Vice-President, by Department Secretary.

We, your committee on the Senior Vice-President's report, have read it carefully and find that she has always been faithful at her post of duty.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. and L.

ANNE E. MILLER,  
MAGGIE LEPPLEMAN,  
MINNIE CURTIS,  
MOLLIE HARMON.

Moved by Lydia Shepard, 40; seconded by Elizabeth Herby, No. 71, that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

Report of Committee on Department Counsellor's report, given as follows:



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Mrs. President: Your committee have heard the Department Counsellor's report, and would recommend its adoption.

RACHEL ALRICH,  
LULA KESLER,  
JULIA PLATZ,  
EMMA RUGGLY.

Report adopted by convention.

*Department President:* We will now have the I. and I. Officer's report.

Marian S. Nation, Department Secretary, Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas.

I have the honor to submit to you, and through you, to the Department Convention, my report as Instituting and Installing Officer. Three new Corps have been organized during the past year. Of the Corps in this Department, 129 have reported joint installation, with their Post and twenty-seven private installations.

Through the courtesy of our Department President, I attended the laying of the corner stone of the Memorial Building, at Topeka, by President Taft. While there, I was pleasantly entertained by the president of the Topeka Corps, Carrie D. Frisbie.

It has been my pleasure to perform every duty required of me and the good of the order has always been uppermost in my thoughts. I have availed myself of every opportunity for the advancement of patriotic work and I am still zealously trying to organize new corps.

I most sincerely thank our President, Lillian A. Hendricks, who honored me by appointing me to this office. Also am very grateful to all those who have assisted me in so many ways to make this year one of success. I have endeavored to give my best to this work.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

ANNA E. HOUGHTON.

Same accepted and committee appointed.

Report of Department Chaplain, Olive Peters:

Marian Stratton Nation, Department Secretary, Woman's Relief Corps.

In compliance with the rules and regulations of our order, I hereby submit through you to the Twenty-eighth Annual Convention, Woman's Relief Corps, my annual report as Department Chaplain. I fully appreciated the honor you conferred upon me one year ago, and have endeavored to perform the duties faithfully and to the best of my ability. The office is a sacred and solemn one. The year has many sad memories, homes have been bereft of loved ones and many of our faithful members have crossed over, on the other side, "Not changed but glorified."

It is gratifying to report that the interest in the observance of Memorial Sunday and Decoration Day continues un-

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abated, loving hearts are ever ready to pay tribute to those, who in days of trial paid their last full measure of allegiance and devotion to their country.

The following report was compiled and sent to the National Chaplain, June 30, 1911.

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| A. Number of Corps in good standing .....                                    | 153      |
| B. Number of Corps reported .....  | 120      |
| 1. Number of members in good standing .....                                  | 7191     |
| 2. Number of members reported .....  | 5452     |
| 3. Number of children taking part .....                                      | 4763     |
| 4. Number of soldiers' graves decorated .....                                | 24016    |
| 5. What expense was incurred by Corps .....                                  | \$250 18 |
| 6. Number of Corps providing refreshments for .....                          | 18       |
| 7. Number of Corps providing flowers for Post..                              | 120      |
| 8. Number of Corps preparing Memorial for the<br>"Unknown Dead" .....        | 108      |
| 9. Number of Corps adjacent to large streams or<br>bodies of water .....     | 58       |
| 10. Number of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial<br>services .....             | 110      |
| 11. Number of Corps preparing tribute for our<br>"Sailor-Soldier dead" ..... | 24       |
| 12. Amount contributed for Memorial Day in the<br>South .....                | \$5 25   |
| 13. Number of members lost by death, May 30 to<br>May 30 .....               | 113      |

One hundred twenty Corps reported in time to be incorporated in the report to National Chaplain; June 20 is the limit. The majority of the Corps reported statistics only. The following Corps reported in detail:

Belleville Corps was the first to report, their report reaching the chaplain May 31.

No. 51.—Held Memorial Services in hall for departed members of Post and Corps.

No. 104.—Corps Chaplain absent from city at the time, but visited one cemetery at Kansas City, Kansas, on Memorial Day.

No. 27.—Reports that Memorial Day was not observed. No reason given.

No. 8.—The citizens raised a fund to defray the expenses going to the cemetery and for the use of opera house for exercises.

No. 11.—A monument erected in court house square in memory of unknown dead, was decorated with wreaths of flowers and the base was covered with cut flowers.

No. 122.—At Mound City is a government cemetery, with a large monument of a soldier, standing. Forty-four graves of soldiers, buried during the war, twenty-three soldiers buried since the war.

No. 255.—Had Memorial services at the Christian Church, marched to the cemetery on Decoration Day, and in the afternoon had a short program, good address and excellent music.

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No. 238.—George Graham Post was given by the government a cannon and forty cannon balls, which was dedicated on Decoration Day as a memorial for the unknown dead. A number of addresses were made, suitable to the occasion.

No. 69.—The Grand Army of the Republic, from a fund collected for the purpose, paid expenses of Woman's Relief Corps on Decoration Day.

No. 156.—Decoration Day was observed by all our citizens. Business houses closed.

No. 143.—Carriages were donated to Post and Corps and children taken to cemetery for Decoration Day.

No. 265.—On account of the dry weather which prevails in Northwest Kansas and the sickness of some of the members, our Corps is not prospering as well as we should like.

No. 56.—Reports twenty-six graves decorated.

No. 43.—Corps furnished dinner for all of the old soldiers, Sons of Veterans and National Guards.

No. 71.—Working on a fund for a monument to the unknown dead.

No. 29.—Were assisted by the Sons of Veterans in decorating graves.

No. 63.—Corps furnished flowers and assisted the Post in decorating 100 soldiers' graves.

No. 92.—We had a fine Memorial sermon by our Department Chaplain, also a memorial address on Decoration Day. The soldiers here are dying at the rate of about forty a year.

No. 4.—Decoration Day was well observed, many of us worked with sad memories of loved ones gone before. Addresses in the afternoon enjoyed by all.

No. 146.—Corps in good condition. Memorial services the best in years. Good addresses and a deep interest manifested.

No. 241.—Had an interesting program, 800 persons were present.

No. 77.—Post, Corps and children headed by band, marched to the river after exercises, from there to the cemetery, each child carrying a wreath of evergreen and a bouquet of flowers. All soldiers' graves were decorated; returned to opera house, where a fine program was rendered.

No. 177.—In our parade were six decorated picnic wagons, one for the Post and one for the Corps and one for the children and also for the Woman's Relief Corps, also a number of carriages.

No. 261.—The Relief Corps decorated the graves of deceased wives of old soldiers, buried in Erie cemetery.

No. 254.—Automobiles furnished for Post and Corps. Services on Decoration Day in charge of Sons of Veterans. Flag drill by twelve girls.

No. 40.—The National Guard, assisted by Sons of Veterans, fired the salute and sounded taps. Forty children decorated the graves.

No. 21.—A disagreeable day, not many out to the service.

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No. 262.—Corps ladies did the decorating this year, instead of having the children.

No. 36.—A large attendance of the Grand Army of the Republic, the day was fine, in the afternoon all gathered at the court house and listened to a fine address.

No. 208.—One hundred thirty-eight graves decorated. 115 Post and twenty-three Woman's Relief Corps graves. \$50 contributed by the city for expenses.

No. 150.—The Corps did not turn out in body, but about all were present.

No. 174.—Two of the old comrades were not able to attend the services. The Post and Corps went in a body and presented them with a bouquet and sang America.

No. 76.—The city furnished money for expenses, the automobile Club furnished autos for going to and from the cemetery. The people manifested a great interest and the exercises were a success.

No. 111.—Two hundred old soldiers in line, the children were dressed in red, white and blue to form a living flag, they sang America.

No. 7.—The day was beautiful and a large number of citizens attended a tribute to sailors and marines given by Post Commander.

No. 61.—The Corps served a dinner after the decoration of the graves to over sixty-five soldiers, which was very much enjoyed. In the afternoon an address at the opera house and drills by the children.

No. 12.—The Boy Scouts from Salina took part in the parade and also gave a drill in the afternoon.

No. 113.—Twenty-three automobiles, beautifully decorated with flags, conveyed the Post and Corps to the cemetery where the graves were decorated and a beautiful service held.

No. 15.—The day was ideal, flowers in abundance, a large crowd and a great interest.

No. 65.—We had thirty children to decorate the graves, but owing to a heavy rain, only a few could go.

No. 117.—During our services a mocking bird alighted on the flag staff, and warbled its praises.

No. 39.—Our old soldiers are failing in strength very fast, only seven could attend the Memorial services and nine on Decoration Day.

No. 176.—Two Spanish-American soldiers' graves were decorated. The band gave a concert at 1 o'clock, then marched with Post and Corps to church. Company L, of the state militia, headed the procession to the cemetery.

No. 90.—The citizens of Chanute furnished the automobiles to take the members of the Post, Woman's Relief Corps, and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, also the children who took part, to the cemetery.

No. 75.—There was one Southern soldier's grave decorated. We decorated at six cemeteries, abundance of flowers and interesting exercises.

No. 213.—There were nineteen Union soldiers' graves



MOLLIE JONES LEASE  
Department Senior Aide and Chief of Staff



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decorated and two Confederate soldiers' graves, and one Spanish American soldier's grave.

No. 201.—On Decoration Day we had an oration and a funeral of an old lady, a former member of the Corps. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

No. 187.—Corps contributed \$20 for a monument for the unknown dead.

No. 113.—Had interesting exercises on Memorial Day.

The long roll of names of our departed sisters, reminds us that "One by one, they are passing over."

The story of the year is briefly told and in closing my report, I desire to thank the Department President and the members of her official staff, and Corps Chaplain for their loving words of "Good will and cheer." The years are passing on and if faithful, we shall have our reward.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

OLIVE J. PETERS,  
*Department Chaplain.*

Committee appointed.





JULIA A. CHASE,  
Past Department President.

Julia A. Chase, past department president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, died at her home in Hiawatha, Kansas, May 26.

Though feeble in body for months before her death, she retained her vigor of mind and heart. She was truly a patriot to the very last hour of her life.

Something precious has been removed to a brighter world. The why we cannot say. We dare not question. God called her. 'Tis enough for us to feel she has gone to the "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," to be with her Savior. Her heart was on her lips and her soul was within her eyes. We shall miss her pleasant face and her kindly words. Her smiles caused many flowers to grow in the "heart gardens" of her sisters in the Woman's Relief Corps.

We thank Thee for the true loyal sister who has ever been faithful to our organization, who has been taken from us. That our Heavenly Father will comfort her loved ones is our prayer; and make us truly grateful for the noble life that has been with us in the years past.

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In remembrance of her devotion to our order, corps presidents will have charters for thirty days.

By Command of,

LILLIAN A. HENDRICKS,

Department President.

MARIAN STRATTON NATION,

Department Secretary



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*Department President:* We have a member of No. 40 here, who has a little girl who is deaf and dumb. She accompanies her mother to Corps meeting. If there are no objections we will admit this child to the room.

*Belle C. Harris:* Mrs. President, it brings up the question of admitting children to Corps meetings. The old law was that children over two years might not be admitted; at the last National Convention, the word was changed to must not admit over two years of age. But in this case, which is a special one, I think it is all right, because we are not using any signs and, of course, she cannot hear anything.

Mrs. President, your committee on Senior Aide and Chief of Staff's report, have carefully examined the same and find it very satisfactory in every respect. We heartily commend the zeal of our Senior Aide and her assistants in their work of advancing the interests of our noble order.

ANNA HALL STEVENS,  
SAMANTHA SHULTZ,  
MARY SPRING.

Moved by Laverna Williamson, of No. 71; seconded by Elizabeth Herby, of No. 71, the report be accepted. Motion carried.

*Department President:* What is to be done with the graded school that does not have a flag on it? Is it a law to have them on the schoolhouses? Yes, it is a law. Apply to your county superintendent and ask that the law be enforced.

*Department President:* We will proceed to election and in the intervening time we will receive reports of the various committees.

*Anna Hall Stevens:* I move that we receive the reports and leave election till after dinner.

*Elfie Howe:* I second the motion.

*Department President:* All in favor vote with the usual sign. Motion carries.

Report of Committee on Inspector's report.

We, your committee appointed to examine the report of the Inspector, submit the following: We have examined the report and find her year's work well done, a credit to herself and our order, and we approve the report.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

MAY MURPHY,  
OLIVIA VAN ALDEN,  
ROSA CLOSE,  
LORENA LOW.

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Mrs. Harris moves adoption, Louise Ogden, 146, seconds. Motion carries.

Mrs. President, your committee on Press Correspondent's report have heard it read and fully endorse the same, and suggest that local corps encourage a more extended press correspondent's work.

ESTHER HULSE,  
MINNIE BASINGER,  
MARY CURRENS,  
BLANCHE AULD,  
JENNIE MORSE.

Maggie Leppleman, No. 21, moves; Clara Willis, No. 7, seconds adoption of same. Motion carries.

Committee on I. and I. Officer's report, have examined and report favorably on the same. Respectfully submitted.

ROSA BUGG,  
ERIE MORRILL,  
MARY E. PALMER,  
LENA A. CLOSE,  
ELIZABETH WARD.

Alice Huffman, No. 40, moves; Jennie Connor, No. 270, seconds adoption of same. Motion carries.

Mrs. President: We, your committee, have read the report of your Junior Vice-President and heartily recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

MARY MCGAHN  
FLORENE LYLER,  
ONIE LAMB,  
CARRIE FRISBY.

Lydia A. Cessna, No. 271, moves; Inez Kincaid, No. 70, seconds adoption of report. Motion prevails.

A special committee from the Grand Army of the Republic is reported in waiting.

*Department President:* Conductors, color bearers, you will retire and escort to this station the committee from the Grand Army of the Republic.

*Conductor:* Mrs. President, I have the honor to introduce to you Past Department Commanders Morgan, Campbell and Department Chaplain Crouch, from the Grand Army of the Republic.

*Department President:* Commander Morgan, Commander Campbell and Chaplain Crouch. Convention salute.

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*Past Department Commander Morgan:* Department President. This is a resolution that was passed unanimously by the Department of Kansas, Grand Army of the Republic. That the Assistant Adjutant General be empowered to prepare an appropriate letter of thanks to Lillian A. Hendricks for the valuable assistance rendered the Commander of the Department and that a committee of three be appointed to procure a testimonial and present the same to her from all the *old boys*. The committee is composed of Morgan, Campbell and Department Chaplain Crouch. I now call on Commander Campbell to make the presentation.

*Commander Campbell:* Mrs. Hendricks, I cannot express the pleasure it gives me to be the bearer of this message, as it were, from the Department of Kansas of the Grand Army of the Republic. It would probably not be correct to say that we have heard of your good works, as a matter of fact, we have seen them. I am commanded to express to you the veneration and love and confidence of every member of the Kansas Department, now in session in this city. We shall appreciate your administration for many years, and we hope and express the hope, that you may live long and prosper, and that the noble order of which you have the honor to be the leader, may live forever as an example to future generations. Ladies, we cannot give you all loving cups, but we can give you our love. (Presents loving cup to Mrs. Hendricks), engraved with this inscription: "Presented to Lillian A. Hendricks, Department President of Kansas, at the convention in Wichita, 1912, by the Grand Army of the Republic." Accept this little token as an evidence of our continued love for you.

*Department President:* Words fail me to express all that I would like to say in return for this beautiful testimonial. I did not need this to assure me of your esteem and the many, many, many kindnesses that the Grand Army of the Republic has expressed for me the past year. I accept this gift with a heart overflowing with gratefulness. It will be a pleasant reminder in years to come. I thank you, Comrades. Convey my thanks to the Department

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each and every one. I thank you. Color bearers, you will escort the Comrades from the platform.

Marie Mathews, No. 40, moves that convention adjourn till 1.00 p. m. Motion carries.

Convention adjourned to view the parade which was participated in by 800 veterans, 4000 school children, each carrying a flag and many banners, civic societies and citizens, about 10,000 in all, arriving at the Forum, where we were welcomed by the Drum and Fife Corps of the Grand Army of the Republic, who played "Rally Round the Flag," and "Yankee Doodle." (Applause.)

The Gettysburg Address and Pledge of Allegiance, by school children.

Flag Drill by fourteen girls from Ingalls School.

High School Chorus, "Bring the Good Old Bugle, Boys." (Applause.)

Emerson School gave, "Our Flag is There."

Reading, by Mrs. Lydia McGaughey, Newton, Kansas. (With accompaniment of patriotic airs.) "On the Rappahannock."

Presentation of the flag to the Wichita High School, by Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Lilla C. Godfrey.

Mrs. President: School Board and Superintendent of the High School of Wichita, Young Ladies and Gentlemen: I bring to you greeting from women, whom I represent as their patriotic teacher or instructor. We not only bring greetings, but they have placed in my possession a symbol which is for you. We are here to emphasize one of the objects of our society, the inculcation of patriotic sentiment into the minds of the rising generation, through teaching patriotism in the American public schools.

To this grand organization, and to it alone, belongs the glory of the high school flag. When you, in after life, recall to mind the school and its starry emblem, may your thoughts revert to this noble band of women and their grand effort in keeping the national flag and the great American public school inseparable. The school flag is not an idle sentiment, it is a perpetual object lesson. In the light of those events with which it is associated, children learn to love and honor it intelligently. It makes you good citizens and so makes you loyal when grown up.

It is not a thing of beauty alone, it is a practical means of instruction. It teaches respect to authority and obedience to laws. The school room is the nursery of patriotism. The flag should not be kept for special occasions, for mere decoration and display. Thousands thus use the flag who know

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nothing of its meaning and history. Lessons learned in early life can never be forgotten. It influence molds the character. Indifference to the national emblem is akin to contempt. Contempt for the colors is the seed plot of treason. Ignorance of it is the mother of vice. Knowledge of it is the mother of virtue. The hope of our country is the education of its children, in the laws and principles that govern the nation. Some of the lessons our flag teaches are unselfishness and reverence. It inculcates the principles of self-sacrifice, devotion to the welfare of others. Our flag is the symbol of peace, at peace with all the world. How gladly did we hail the day when was passed by the Woman's Relief Corps, in national convention, assembled in the City of Indianapolis, Ind., August 1892, the resolution creating a national committee for teaching patriotism in the public schools, and making it one of the objects of the organization. This move on their part met with the liveliest opposition imaginable on the part of the Grand Army of the Republic, who denounce it as contrary to the original intent and object of the Woman's Relief Corps. This had no effect on the patriotic women, soon there were state and local committees, with sub-committees all over America. Every school in city and hamlet felt this influence. Tons upon tons of patriotic literature was distributed and the little ritual for teaching patriotism in the public schools was as familiar as any of the text-books, and the schoolhouse flag became an established fact. State legislatures were approached in a manner that brooked of no opposition, and soon there were twenty-one states that passed acts favorable to patriotic teaching in public schools. This was the greatest crusade ever undertaken by the women of America.

Patriotic teaching reached its highest point about 1897, when fully nine million school children gave the patriotic salute every morning at the opening session, and today, it is my greatest pleasure to present this beautiful silken flag to you.

Mrs. Lillian Hendricks, Department President, and Mrs. Kate Kilmer, the newly elected president, here came forward, bringing the flag, which was received by Prof. I. M. Allen, Principal of the High School, who said:

Woman's Relief Corps, Grand Army of the Republic, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is an impossibility to witness the unfurling of the glorious ensign of the Republic, without a mingled feeling of pride and reverence; pride, because it is the unfurling of the banner of the greatest democracy on earth; reverence, because the history of this starry banner has been written in the tears and blood of the liberty-loving people. Our boys and girls of the high school are accustomed to the display of colors and the raising and hoisting of ensigns, but we raise here the starry banner with its col-

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ors, red, white and blue; red in the blood of men who fought in the Revolution, purified in the white heat of the National civic strife, and emblazoned on the blue field of American liberty. Our flag safeguards every American citizen. She reigns supreme. I love the history of this flag. My mind goes back in memory to early childhood, when my father, a veteran of the Civil War, told us stories of the war and Sherman's march to the sea. There I got my patriotic instruction and decided that only one flag should wave over the United States. Since then, my father has joined the Grand Army of the Republic, on the other side, but his devotion to his country will always linger as a treasured memory. Boys and girls of the high school, what can we do to fight the battles of this great flag? We cannot make long marches, but there remain other difficulties for us to conquer. Let us remember that we live in the country that is enjoying the greatest prosperity in the world. It is not founded on the material welfare alone but on the human welfare of its citizens, and may this glorious flag always stand for the right of human progress and human liberty. Let us then, boys and girls of the high school and public schools, enlist for this battle of human progress and justice. On behalf of the high school of Wichita, I have the distinguished honor to accept this flag, this magnificent banner, and I assure you, ladies, that we shall place it in a conspicuous place in the high school, and it will teach, day by day, lessons of patriotism to our native land.

High School yell crowd gave a few yells for the flag.

Mrs. Belle C. Harris sang, "The Flag Without a Stain."

High School Chorus gave, "Rally 'Round the Flag, Boys," and 7000 children waved their flags and shouted, "Hurrah for the Woman's Relief Corps."

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### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Convention called to order by the Department President.

*Department President:* Chief Guard, can you vouch that all present are members of the Woman's Relief Corps?

*Guard:* I can, Mrs. President.

*Department President:* What is the first order of business?

*Mrs. Cora M. Deputy:*

Mrs. President, we, your committee on president's ad-



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EDA WILSON MOORE  
Past National Secretary



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dress, desire to commend her for the splendid service she has performed in this Department, fully realizing that she has given the best she had. We rejoice that health and strength have returned to her, thus enabling her to so successfully carry out her year's work, that the fraternal relations existing between the Grand Army have been so harmonious, so loyal and so true. We are glad that all this brightness has come to her, and we re-echo the wish of her, "That sunshine, joy and gladness may dwell in the hearts of all." The patriotic work, one of the important branches of our order, has been most carefully looked after, and we congratulate ourselves upon the progress attained.

We heartily endorse the recommendation that each Corps send one penny per capita for the flag fund, and move the adoption of this report.

CORA M. DEPUTY,  
JULIA CAMPBELL,  
AGNES MICHAELIS,  
ELLA MILLER,  
ROSE THACHER.

Lorena Horton seconds that report be accepted.  
Carried.

*Mrs. Julia McCarthy Wood:* Mrs. President, on behalf of the conductors, color bearers, guards, and floor aides, I wish to present to you this cut glass celery tray.

*Department President:* My dear girls, this is another reminder of your loyalty to me the past year. I shall treasure it always, and I thank you again and again.

*Department President:* We are now ready for nominations for Department Treasurer.

*Flora Hunt:* Mrs. President, Members: I am instructed by Relief Corps No. 3, to name Emolyn Norman, Olathe, Kansas, for Department Treasurer. Mrs. Norman is the daughter of an old soldier; she has been a member of our Corps for fifteen years and has served us as freely and faithfully as she has served on the auditing committee. Her intimate knowledge of the work, combined with her high executive ability cannot help but prove a factor and we ask that she be given this position. In addition to her being admirably qualified to fulfill the duties of this position, she is faithful to the order. We commend her to the convention. And now with pleasure I nominate Emolyn Norman, of Olathe, for Department Treasurer.

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Seconded by 90; 234; 262; 84; 117; 70; 62; 32; 4; 53; 260; Elfie Howe, 76; Ella Baker, 261; Emma Beatty, 102; 9; 102; 204; 11; 22; Evalyn Bradford Knipe; Sarah Staplin; Rose Thacher; Marian Stratton Nation; Bessie Murdock; Mollie Jones Lease; 189; 149; Lulu E. House; 133; 111; 145; Belle C. Harris; Mary J. Wise, 234; Mary E. Church, 2; 6; Mary Clogston, 133; Eleanor Keach, 200; 237; Lydia Cessna, 271; Anna Galvin, 200; Margaret Kalb, 102.

*Lou Hillabrant*: No. 67 desires to place in nomination Mrs. Emma J. Maunder. If she is elected, she will prove to be a good officer and we feel that her Corps is entitled to the honor.

Seconded by Mary B. Currins, 99; Carrie D. Frisbie, 94; Arvilla Williams, 112; Edith Rosebury; Mattie Rice; Lydia Van Allen, 2; Anna M. Johnson, 5; Mattie Smith, 94; Eva Brewer, 52; 206, and others.

*Lydia Shepherd*, 40: Members of this convention, volumes have been written in the past, volumes are being written today, volumes will be written in the future, of the noble heroic efforts of our noble women. I go back to the life of Esther, who was the wife of a king, who went before the king to sacrifice, if necessary, her life, to save her people and thinking little of herself but offering her life for her nation. I will come up to the time of Joan of Arc, who took up her people's cause and became a leader among them, and when at last her sacrifices for them were over, her body was stolen, bound to the stake, and burned. Every organization depends for its success on the intelligence, adaptability, sincerity and nobility of its leaders. For the success of every organization, these leaders will either prosper or degenerate them. I am happy to stand before you to present the name of Louisa Van Dyne, for Department Treasurer. Relief Corps, No. 40, has unanimously endorsed Mrs. Van Dyne. We present her name today as nominee for Treasurer, and you will commit no error when you cast your vote for her. She sat over the bedside of a soldier husband for years and now she is battling alone in the world, the widow of a brave soldier. She is a Past President of No. 40, she is perfectly qualified to fill the position that I ask in her

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behalf. You will not throw your vote away if you give it to her. She is heroic, like Esther, and Esther succeeded; she is heroic like Joan of Arc, and Joan lost her life; but whether you select Mrs. Van Dyne as Treasurer for next year, or not, she will be just as heroic as Esther or Joan of Arc. We will appreciate anything you do for her. She is perfectly competent and will at all times prove herself just as efficient as any officer that you may elect.

Seconded by Anna E. Houghton, 11; Maggie Leppleman, 21; June Gill, 185; Jennie Connor, 270; Sarah English, 259; Esther Hultz, 84; Belle Wyatt; Anna Hall Stevens; Anna Barnes; Una M. Kessler; Mary C. Todd; Alice Blakeman; Addie Thayer; Sarah Meyer; Serena Lowe; Margaret Green; Lulu E. Christie; S. E. Thompson; Minnie Beach; 87; Emma Crocker, 7; Marie Matthews; Mary Parker; Mrs. Zimmerman; Jane Covil; Etta Drake; Helena Mason; Mary W. Buckner; Mrs. Beckwith; Mrs. Huffman; Martha Maginnis; Margaret McGregor; Jennie Morse, 91; Mary Williams, 240; Laura Myers, 240; Elizabeth Ward, 92; Sarah Truett, 92; Annie Walker, 254; Jennie Brewster, 259; Parmelia Lawler, 92.

*Department President:* Are there any other nominations? If not, I declare the nominations closed. Will the ladies nominated, please come to the platform for a moment. The convention wants to see you. Have all balloted who wish? If so, I declare the ballot closed. Tellers retire to count the ballots.

*Department President:* I wish to make an appeal for aid for Frank Bellamy. I have here these little leaflets, containing a short sketch of the author of our flag salute. He is now in the hotel in Denver, past all ability to work, under the care of a physician. He is thankful for the assistance we have rendered him, in securing a pension, but that is not enough to give him what he really needs. We have appealed for an increase of this pension and he asks Mother Hendricks to place once more his needs before the Relief Corps. Any contribution from 5 to 25 cents will entitle you to one of these leaflets and when you are through try to remember him. Don't let the man want for the neces-

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sities of life. He has but a few more months to live. He was to have been at this convention, but was too sick to come. Anything you do will be greatly appreciated. His address is on the leaflets.

*Department President:* We will now take up the officers' reports again.

Committee to the Sons of Veterans, Auxiliary, is ready to report.

Mrs. President, your committee was most royally received. We exchanged badges and they sent loving greetings to this convention.

BERTHA L. FORD,  
BELLE BUSBY,  
IDA DAWSON,  
IDA KILMER.

Committee.

Committee to Sons of Veterans made the following report:

*Kate Pond:*

Mrs. President, in the first place, I wish to thank you for giving me the privilege of meeting with the Sons of Veterans. I consider it one of the greatest honors I ever received from the Woman's Relief Corps. I visited the dear boys and as I addressed them, I loved them, and how proud I was to be the mother of a Son of a Veteran and give them a little of the history of my family and as I didn't wish to take very much time, didn't make a very long speech, but gave them greetings from this convention and told them how we appreciated them and depended on them, as their mothers, to carry out the work we had started, and they sent to you their love and wishes for the success of the Woman's Relief Corps, and all the good that can ever come to us.

KATE POND,  
ELLA COLVIN,  
ARVILLA WILLIAMS,  
EMMA MARSH,  
FLORA DAVIS.

Committee.

*Department President:* Thank you, Mrs. Pond, for your kindness and loyalty in bringing this from the Sons of Veterans.

Is the committee on Treasurer's report ready?

Mrs. President, we are. Your committee has read with pleasure the excellent report of the Department Treasurer. We find that she has been efficient and practical in perform-

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ing the duties of her office. The report is complete, and we move the adoption of the same.

EMOLYN NORMAN,  
NONA MUNSON,  
EMMA J. MAUNDER,  
EMMA HOAGLAND,  
ANNA HAECOCK.

Seconded by Mary Richardson. Motion carried.

*Department President:* Is report of committee on the Delegate-at-large, ready?

Mrs. President, your committee on Delegate-at-large's report desires to commend her for her loyalty and her faithfulness in caring for the remains of Comrade Mercer, and fully endorse the resolutions adopted by the Grand Army, which have been published in our General Orders, No. 2, and we would recommend that our own Convention show our appreciation of her services by a rising vote of thanks.

EDITH ROSEBURY,  
WINAFRED JENKINS,  
LILLIAN HOLMAN,  
MARY E. RICHARDSON,  
ALICE STEFF.

Etta Drake, 40, moves and Parmelia Lawler seconds the adoption of report. Motion prevails.

*Mrs. Nation:*

Mrs. President, your committee that visited the Grand Army of the Republic, has returned. They delivered the message of the Department President and her report and had the pleasure of introducing our newly elected Department President. She was received most graciously and the allegiance of the Grand Army of the Republic tendered to her. We were escorted under the folds of our flags and we just had a grand, royal, good time.

*Mrs. Kilmer:*

I want to say that it was one of the proudest moments of my life to be able to attend the Grand Army in session. Mrs. President, I wish to thank you for appointing me.

MARIAN STRATTON NATION,  
ALICE HOFFMAN,  
KATE KILMER,  
SARAH STAPLIN,  
MARY M. CARSON.

Evalyn Bradford Knipe, representative to the Kansas Women's Press Association, makes her report, as follows:

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Mrs. President: As your representative to the Kansas Council of Women, last May, I desire to submit the following: The name of the organization shall be known as the Kansas Council of Women. Its membership shall consist of the present and past officers of the Federation of Clubs, the Equal Suffrage Association, the Deans of the Educational Institutions, Presidents of Kansas Day Club, and Press Association and Daughters of the American Revolution. All Past Department Presidents and Presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The objects of the organization are to advance the interests of woman's work.

The dues shall be \$1 per year.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Mattie Kimball; vice-president, Mrs. Scott Hopkins; secretary, Mrs. Christian; treasurer, Mrs. Humphrey.

The next meeting at time and place of Kansas Day meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
EVALYN BRADFORD KNIPE,  
Representative.

Report accepted.

*Department President:* The tellers are ready to report.

Mrs. President, Total number of votes cast, 244; necessary to choice, 123; Emolyn Norman receives 130; Emma J. Maunder 41; Louisa Van Dyne, 73. Mrs. Norman declared elected.

Mrs. Van Dyne escorts Mrs. Norman to the platform.

*Department President:* I will let Mrs. Van Dyne introduce her.

*Mrs. Van Dyne:* Ladies of this Convention, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you, Mrs. Emolyn Norman, whom you have elected Treasurer of the Department. I hope you will all stand by her loyally.

*Mrs. Norman:* Ladies, I can only say how much I value and appreciate the honor you have conferred. I promise to devote my time and energy. I thank you.

*Department President:* I wish at this time to introduce Mrs. Mary W. Buckner, your Past Department President, and Mrs. Laura Myers, your Past Department Secretary. They were not here when the other officers were introduced. Convention, salute.

*Department President:* Nominations are now in order for Department Chaplain.

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*Rosa Bugg*: No. 76 wishes to place in nomination Elfie Howe, Past District President, for Department Chaplain.

Seconded by Mary Joyce, Ella Baker, Sarah Staplin, Margaret Lyon, Rebecca Smythe, Minnie Dassinger, Alice Strine, Belle Busby, Mary Lynd, Anna Hultz, Anna Hall Stevens, Anna M. Johnson, Elizabeth Drone, Carrie D. Frisbie, Jennie D. Brewster, Agnes Heigle, Martha Fitzgerald, Belle C. Harris, Marian Stratton Nation, Anna Heacock, Lilla C. Godfrey.

*Olive J. Peters*, 63: I move that the nomination be made unanimous.

*Ella E. Heaton*, 11: Second the motion.

Motion carried and secretary cast the vote of the convention for Elfie Howe for Department Chaplain.

*Department President*: Mrs. Peters, will you escort the Chaplain elect to the platform.

*Mrs. Peters*: Mrs. President, and Ladies, I have the pleasure to introduce to you your Chaplain elect, Elfie Howe.

*Mrs. Howe*: I thank you for the honor you have given me. I know it is a great undertaking, but I hope at the end of the year you will not find me wanting.

*Department President*: The districts will caucus quietly for delegate to the National Convention so as to be ready to nominate when the time comes.

*Conductor*: Mrs. President, I have the honor to present to you Mrs. Anderson.

*Department President*: Escort Mrs. Anderson to this station. Convention, I have the pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. T. P. Anderson, of Relief Corps No. I, and wife of our Department Commander. Convention salute.

*Mrs. Anderson*: I am not a speech maker. I am very glad to be here and would be glad to greet you all with the glad hand if I could.

*Department President*: Color bearers, conductors, you will retire and escort in the committee from the Sons of Veterans.

*Conductor*: Mrs. President, I have the pleasure to introduce to you the committee from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans.

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*Department President:* You will escort them to this platform. Convention, I have the honor to introduce to you Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Engle and Mrs. Culver.

*Department President:* Mrs. Nation, will you give these ladies a few words of greeting?

*Mrs. Nation:* Girls, we greet you with open arms. We know how loyal you are to the Sons and the Grand Army of the Republic, and we have great faith in you.

*Mrs. McBride:* We, as Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, come to bring their greetings. We appreciate your visit and hope you will go home with pleasant memories of Wichita. Do not forget the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. We are having a hard time, and will appreciate the help of every one.

*Mrs. Engle:* There is not much left for me to say, but I am glad to be with you. We will all work together.

*Mrs. Culver:* Mrs. President, I have not much to say either, as Mrs. McBride conveyed our greetings.

*Department President:* Conductors, Color bearers, escort the ladies from the platform.

*Department President:* Nominations are in order for Chairman of the Executive Board.

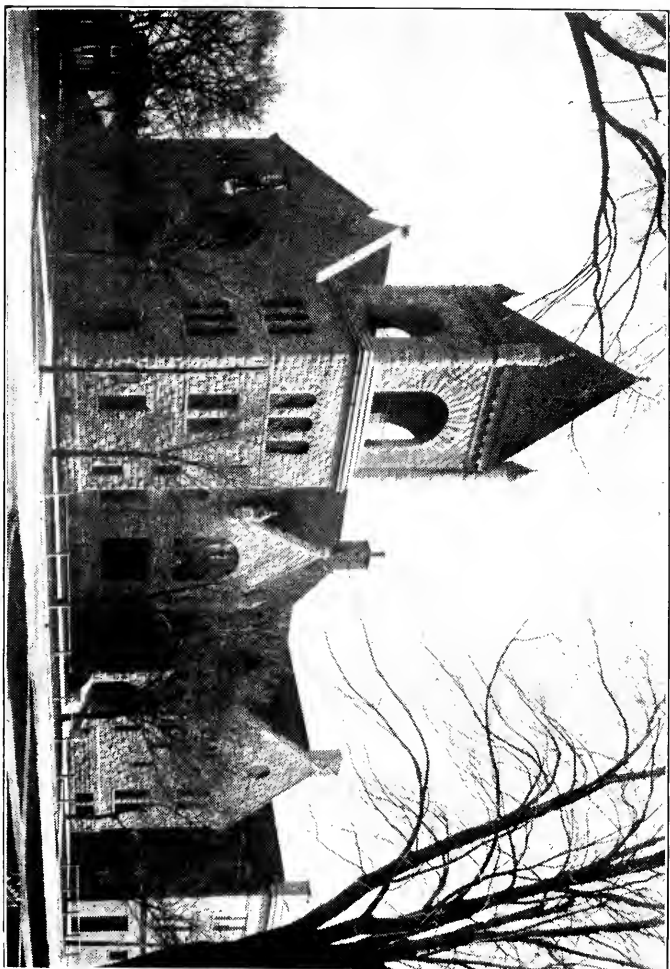
*Mrs. Nation:* Mrs. President, there seems to be an established precedent that the retiring treasurer shall be chairman of the Executive Board. I, knowing from experience, the ability and conscientious manner in which she will perform these duties and the assistance she will be to the new Department Treasurer and to the Auditing Board, nominate Florence A. Bunn, and hope the convention will make it unanimous.

Julia McCarthy Wood seconds.

*Department President:* All who wish to second this please rise. (Convention rises). It is unanimous. Lilla C. Godfrey moves, Mollie Lease seconds that Secretary cast the vote of the Convention for Mrs. Bunn.

Motion carries, and Secretary casts the vote of Convention for Florence A. Bunn.





FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
Lawrence, Kansas



EMMA E. FORTER  
Past Department President

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*Department President:* Nominations for the second member.

*Mrs. Belle C. Harris:* Emma J. Maunder has not been recognized with an office. I nominate her for second member of the Board.

Seconded by Maggie Dornblazer, Mrs. Kilmer, and others.

*Mollie Lease:* I move that we make it unanimous and the Secretary cast the vote of the convention for her. Seconded by Kate C. Kilmer.

Motion carries. Secretary casts the vote.

*Lydia Shepherd:* I wish to place in nomination for the third member of the Board, Louisa Van Dyne.

Seconded by Corps No. 40, 185.

*Lilla C. Godfrey:* Mrs. President, I have been asked to place in nomination for the third member, Luella B. Reed, of 71.

Seconded by 71; Dora Wierman; Mollie Lease; Nona Munson; 178; 110; Julia Campbell; Melissa Huffman.

Mrs. Jennie D. Brewster, of 359, nominated for third member. Seconded by 32, 359, 84, 98, 76, 92, 146.

Myrtle Barnes, of 70, wishes to nominate Mary A. Randolph for third member. Seconded by 33, 133, 99, 70, 37, 146; Belle C. Harris, Anna Hall Stevens.

*Mrs. Agnes Heigle:* Mrs. President, I would like to nominate Carrie D. Frisbie for third member.

Seconded by Mattie Smith, 94; Anna M. Johnson, 5; Ella Miller, 234; Sarah Staplin; Mary W. Buckner; Lottie E. Cope, 15; 238; Florence A. Bunn; Ida Kilmer, 119.

*Department President:* I declare the nominations closed. Candidates will please come to the platform and let us see you.

Tellers retire to count the votes.

Tellers announce result of ballot: 206 votes cast, necessary to choice, 104; Mrs. Van Dyne receives 65; Mrs. Brewster 33; Reed 33; Randolph 28; Frisbie 45. No election.

*Department President:* You will prepare your ballots for third member of Executive Board.

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*Mrs. Alice C. Huffman:* Mrs. President, on behalf of No. 40, of Wichita, I wish to present you with this token of our love and affection.

*Department President:* (Holds up silver water set.) A token of love and affection from No. 40. I assure you, sister members of No. 40, you have a very dear place in my heart. You have been loyalty itself to me all the year. Again and again, I thank you.

*Department President:* Is the report of the committee on Department Chaplain's report ready?

We are, Mrs. President. We have read with interest, the report of the Department Chaplain, and we find that she has accomplished much good work and congratulate her on the accuracy and conciseness of the same, and we heartily recommend its adoption.

EMOLYN NORMAN,  
ELIZABETH SMITH,  
MARY CLOGSTON,  
MARY J. SMITH.

Una M. Kessler, 40, moves Luella P. Reed, 71, seconds the adoption of the report. Carries.

Tellers are ready to report: Votes cast, 177, necessary to choice, 89, of which Mrs. Van Dyne receives 83, Reed 30, Frisbie 39, Randolph 25. No election.

*Department President:* Color bearers, conductors, you will retire and escort in the special committee from the Grand Army of the Republic.

*Conductor:* Mrs. President, I have the honor to introduce to you Past Department Commander Coney, Past Department Commander Kelley, and Comrade Kopplin.

*Department President:* You will escort them to the platform. Commander Coney, Commander Kelley, Comrade Cochran. Convention, salute. Comrades, we are glad to welcome you.

*Commander Coney:* Department President, and Sisters, there is nothing connected with this encampment that gives more pleasure than to attend a meeting of the auxiliary of the Grand Army of Republic, women who are contributing to us today as they did through the war of the rebellion, in patriotism and sacrifice and teaching of patriotism. They will prevent a second flag taking the place of Old

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Glory. Nearly five hundred thousand men died in behalf of that cause, young men and boys, coming from the threshold of their homes to preserve the government that their fathers gave them. I entered at less than 15 years of age and all the thought I had during the two years and six months was that I might bring back an honor to my mother that she might be proud of. I never spent \$5 while in the army, I brought it home. It was the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of this republic that made the men that save it. Now we are here, appointed on a committee to convey heartfelt, good wishes on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic to the Woman's Relief Corps and to ask you to join with us tonight at 8 o'clock.

*Commander Kelley:* Department President and Ladies, we are just here to bear the greetings of our order and invite you to the installation tonight. We are extremely sorry that you visited us at a time when we could not give you more time. We are always glad to receive the ladies. My admiration for the women in this country has been greatly increased after the incident in New York, when a little woman rushed through a great big mob and tore the flag from under their feet. She rushed through the crowd, seized the flag and folded it to her bosom and said, "A man who would do that, should be shot." I have gone through two wars and was shot in the Spanish-American War and the next war I go into, I am going to raise a regiment of women and do it all in style, I will go with flowers and banners and music and beauty and at the very first charge I will capture the day. If I don't you will. We understand you are still electing. We are all through and passed resolutions denouncing all the anarchists in the country and they are on their way to Europe.

*Comrade Cochran:* This is hardly orthodox and I may be taken to task by Presiding Elder Kelley. When man was made, it is said, he was a little lower than the angels, the good Lord looked on it and said, "I can improve on that," and then made woman. That is how I account for the presence of all these angels here today. We know what you have done, you have

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sat by our sides, bound up our wounds, and given us freely of your love and in taking leave I say, God bless you.

*Mrs. Nation*: We were in hopes you would tell us whom you had elected Commander.

*Cochran*: I hesitated to announce whom we had elected, because we thought the women always knew before we told them. (Committee retires.)

Tellers announce result of third ballot.

Number of votes cast 176, necessary to choice 89.  
*Mrs. Van Dyne* 99, *Reed* 54, *Frisbie* 23.

*Department President*: Nominations for the fourth member.

*Myrtle Barnes*, 70: I nominate *Mary A. Randolph*, *Anna Hall Stevens* seconds.

*Miss Wierman*: We, of the Northwest, feel that we ought at least to have one officer. I nominate *Kate Pond*, of *Salina*. Seconded by *Mrs. Huffman*.

Tellers retire to count votes.

*Mrs. President*, your committee appointed to pass upon the *Department Patriotic Instructor's* report, commend her for her great interest in, and time spent during the year in the cause of patriotism.

Respectfully yours in F. C. and L.

MARY W. BUCKNER,  
MARTHA J. PEAL,  
SARAH PAINTER,  
MAY GRIFFITH.

*Jennie Brewster* moves, *Sarah Staplin* seconds, adoption of report. Motion carries.

*Mrs. Nation*: *Mrs. President*, Inasmuch as the officers' reports have all been heard by the convention, I would like to move that the *Department Journal* be sent to every delegate in the Convention and I take great pleasure in saying that I will be happy to send them to each one.

Seconded by *Carrie D. Frisbie*.

*Sarah Staplin*: Before you vote, I would like to know if there is enough money in the treasury to pay for it.

*Mrs. Nation*: I want to say that by not having the reports printed, we saved \$50 or \$60.

Tellers Report: 157 votes cast, necessary to

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choice 79. Mrs. Frisbie receives 35, Randolph 16, Pond 105, Reed 1. Mrs. Pond declared elected.

*Department President:* Nominations for the fifth member.

*Myrtle Barnes:* No. 70 nominates Mary A. Randolph; Anna Hall Stevens seconds.

*Mrs. Heigle:* Nominates Carrie D. Frisbie. No. 94 seconds.

While the tellers were out the minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions up to that time, were read and approved after two corrections.

Tellers report: 147 votes cast, necessary to choice 74, Mary Randolph 74, Mrs. Frisbie 71, Mrs. Murphy 1, Myrtle Barnes 1.

Mrs. Randolph declared elected.

Mrs. Belle C. Harris reads resolutions prepared by resolution committee:

Mrs. President and Members of this Convention: Your committee presents the following resolutions which have been submitted to them.

Resolution No. 1.—That a set of silk flags be presented to the Division of Kansas, Sons of Veterans, at the next Department Convention. Approved by the Committee.

Resolution No. 2.—Presented by L. E. King, Corps No. 21. That a vote of thanks be extended to the Department of Kansas for the prompt aid sent to Comrade Miner and wife, who lost everything in a cyclone. Approved by the Committee.

Resolution No. 3.—That the thanks of this convention be extended to Garfield Corps, No. 40, for the laborious hours spent in making ready for our coming and the trustees of the Baptist Church, and to the women for the splendid meals served to the delegates, and to all others who in any way have made our stay in Wichita a pleasant one. Approved by the committee.

Resolution No. 4.—That five dollars be given to the janitor of this church. Approved by committee,

BELLE C. HARRIS,  
LUELLA P. REED,  
EVALYN BRADFORD KNIPE,  
LEONA NUGENT,  
MARY CLOGSTON.

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Agnes Heigle moves, Laura Hugar seconds, adoption of report. Motion carries.

Mrs. President, the committee on the Secretary's report have carefully examined the same. We find it correct and heartily congratulate her upon her year's work, and recommend its adoption.

DORA WEIRMAN,  
INEZ KINCAID,  
CHARITY HORNER,  
DOLIA BOTSFORD,  
ELFIE HOWE.

Julia McCarthy Wood moves, Laura Hugar, 11, seconds, that report be accepted. Motion carries.

*Department President*: Nominations are now in order for Delegate-at-large to National Convention.

*Evalyn Bradford Knipe*: Having attended the National Convention at various times, I think we ought to present the name of one who intends to go. I present the name of Luella Woodward, of McPherson.

Seconded by Alice Huffman and others.

Julia McCarthy Woods nominates Mrs. Papes Coat.

Seconded by Mollie Lease and others.

Mrs. Anna Hall Stevens nominates Mrs. Emma Fisher.

Seconded by Mary A. Randolph.

Belle C. Harris nominates Parmelia Lawler.

Seconded by Jennie D. Brewster and others.

Nominations declared closed.

*Tellers Report*: 143 votes cast, necessary to choice 72, Mrs. Fisher receives 31, Woodward 68, Lawler 36, Coats 5.

Mrs. Coats withdraws her name.

*Tellers report second ballot*: 115 votes cast, necessary to choice 58. Fisher 16, Woodward 70, Lawler 29.

Mrs. Woodward declared elected Delegate-at-large.

Mrs. Mary W. Buckner nominates Winifred Jenkins for Alternate-at-large.

Seconded by Dora Wierman.

There being no other nominations it was made unanimous and Secretary casts the vote of the convention for Mrs. Jenkins.



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Anna Hall Stevens nominates Emma Fisher for First Delegate.

Seconded by Dora Wierman.

Belle C. Harris moves that nomination be made unanimous. Seconded and carried. Secretary casts vote of convention.

Julia McCarthy Wood nominates Nona Munson, of Clay Center, for Second Delegate. May Murphy seconds.

May Kalb moves that Secretary be instructed to cast vote of the convention for Nona Munson. Seconded and carried. Secretary casts the vote.

Belle C. Harris nominates Kate Lewis for Alternate for First Delegate. Lilla C. Godfrey seconds motion. Nomination made unanimous, Elizabeth Herbey moving, and Kate Pond seconding the motion. Motion carried and Secretary cast the vote for Kate Lewis, of No. 70.

Marie Matthews nominates Margaret Anderson for Second Alternate. Seconded by Mrs. C. J. Moyer.

Kate Pond moves, Mary Parker seconds, that nominations be closed and Secretary cast the vote. Motion carries.

*Belle C. Harris:* Since the different Districts have selected their Delegates and Alternates, I move that they be approved by the Convention.

Seconded and carried.

1 District, Carrie B. Frisbie, 94; Alternate, Lydia Cessna.

2 District, Agnes Heigle, 45; Alternate, May Murphy.

3 District, Mary Joyce, 90; Alternate, Esther Hultz.

4 District, Delia Miracle, 70; Alternate, Mary Smythe.

5 District, Mary Brown, 74; Alternate, Emma Engbourg.

6 District, Amy Oliver, 254; Alternate, Mary Richardson.

7 District, Florence Bunn, 241; Alternate, Minnie Titus.

8 District, Emma Zimmerman, 40; Alternate, Laverna Williamson.

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Julia McCarthy Wood moves, Mrs. Nation seconds, that the Convention confirm the Delegates. Motion carries.

*Department President:* We will have report of committee on greetings and telegrams.

*Mrs. Carson:*

Mrs. President and Members of Convention, We, your committee appointed to receive letters and telegrams sent to this Convention, have faithfully performed the duties thereof.

The loving words of remembrance and greeting have all been read to the convention; and messages of courtesy and good wishes sent to absent Past Department and Department officers, and in answer to others.

Respectfully submitted.

MARY M. CARSON,  
JULIA CAMPBELL,  
MARY J. McFARLAND.

Department President makes report of Committee on memorial tablet and asks that Committee be excused. Mrs. Kilmer begs that the Committee stand as it is now, Mrs. Hendricks, Chairman; Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. Campbell.

*Mrs. Shepherd:* My voice has not been heard very much on this floor. I want to say that we are so glad you good sisters came to Wichita. We are glad the dear Lord gave us so much sunshiny weather and hope you will take home a favorable impression.

We thank you for coming and your presence here and hope we will have just as good a time at your home.

Mrs. Nation moves that a vote of thanks be given to the Conductors, Guards, Color Bearers and Floor Aides of this Convention for their faithfulness and beautiful work done during these sessions, also to Mrs. Huffman, President of No. 40, for many courtesies received. Seconded by many. Motion prevails.

*Mrs. Kilmer:* I wish to invite the officers to assist in the installation tonight.

Department Secretary read the minutes of the afternoon session and Council meetings, which were approved by the Convention.



MRS. EVELYN BRADFORD KNIPE

Past Department President



CORA M. DEPUTY  
Past Department President

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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

*Lawrence, Kan.,  
5 P. M., Methodist Church*

President Mrs. Hendricks called a Council meeting and presided over the same. Roll-call found Senior Vice-President Mary McFarland, Junior Vice-President Kate Kilmer, Chaplain Olive J. Peters, Secretary Marian Stratton Nation, Patriotic Instructor Lilla C. Godfrey, Treasurer Florence A. Bunn, Counselor Sarah Staplin, Press Correspondent Cora M. Deputy, and Executive Board, Maggie Dornblaser, Kathryn Ealden, Lula House, Jennie Brewster, Louisa Van Dyne. They retired, and on returning, reported the following officers for the ensuing year: Chairman, Maggie Dornblaser; Kathryn Ealden and Lula House, members of auditing board. Mrs. Godfrey extended a cordial invitation to meet in Newton to audit books. A vote of thanks was extended to her for the invitation. Mrs. Ealden moved that an order be drawn for \$150, for the President's use. Motion seconded by Lula House. Motion prevailed. Miss Dornblaser moved that the Department President make all necessary arrangements for National Convention. Seconded by Mrs. Godfrey. Motion prevailed. After quite a discussion in regard to paper for the Press Correspondent, it was finally decided to let her make her own choice for press items.

Being no further business, Council closed.

MARIAN S. NATION, *Secretary*.

Approved by Council at Wichita, May 21.

Minutes of the second Council meeting, held at the Manhattan Hotel, at 10 a. m., in Wichita, May 21, 1912:

Department President presiding. Roll-call found all department officers present, except Press Correspondent. Minutes of last Council meeting read and approved. Maggie Dornblaser requested Department President to procure a certain check for \$65, which had been paid in 1910, but was desired as a personal favor. Secretary was ordered to write a letter

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of sympathy to Past Department President, Margaret H. Griffith, and to Sister Rennington. Department Patriotic Instructor made a motion that a large flag be presented to "Pawnee Rock." Seconded by Junior Vice-President Kate Kilmer. Motion prevailed. Department President made an appeal for relief for Frank Bellamy. Seconded by all present and carried unanimously; also that greetings should be sent to him. President reported on tablet for Memorial Hall, and presented designs for same, and as plenty of time was to be had, it was decided to defer to the new administration for further action. Also that any unfinished business should be left to the incoming Council. Being no further business, Lula House moved we adjourn; seconded by Kate Kilmer. Motion carried.

MARIAN STRATTON NATION, *Department Secretary.*

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### DISTRICT CONVENTION

A meeting was called of the presidents of the District Conventions at Wichita, at 11 a. m., Manhattan Hotel, May 21, 1912. Those present all gave good reports.

The First District Convention met in Topeka, November 20 and 21. An excellent program was prepared. Dora Gandy, President; Winifred Jenkins, Secretary.

The Second District Convention was held in Iola, October 12 and 13. Agnes Heigele, President; Harriet Logan, Secretary. A very elaborate program and a good attendance.

The Third District Convention was held in Pittsburg, and there were seventy-five present. Dinner and supper was served, a camp-fire held in the evening and much good instruction for all present. Mrs. Willard, President; Ola Barret, Secretary.

The Fourth District Convention was held in Osage City—a two days' session. Many interesting papers were given, and all felt that much good work had been given, and enjoyed by those present. The next convention will be held in Reading. President, Ora Curtis, Osage City; Secretary, Dora Rogers, Emporia.

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Fifth District Convention met in Marysville. Nettie Breeding, President; Emma E. Forter, Secretary. The proceedings were very similar to the Department Convention. An excellent program was given and many questions discussed, which were very helpful to all present.

The Sixth District Convention held a two days' session, November 9 and 10, at Lebanon. Lucy Reed Jones, President; Mollie Jones Lease, Secretary. A splendid program was prepared, and much good work done..

The Seventh District held their Convention at Ness City. The Department Inspector, Agnes Michaelis, filled the President's place. The newly elected President, Elizabeth Teater, and A. L. Brown, Secretary, of Ness City, report a very excellent Convention.

The Eighth District Convention met in McPherson, November 14. Mrs. Crocker, of No. 40, President; Mrs. Alice Huffman, Secretary. The next convention is to be held in Eldorado.

The reports from each of the eight District Conventions show a systematic following of the program as given at Department Conventions, also most excellent results have been attained. Many of the smaller Corps being represented and received much needed instruction, and it is hoped that 1912 will have every district convention reported.

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*Department President:* If there is no further business to come before the Convention, we will sing one verse of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," and close with our flag salute.

*Lillian A. Hendricks!*

*Department President.*

*Marian Stratton Nation*

*Department Secretary.*

## General Orders, Circular Letters, Et Cæteri

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,  
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

CHERRYVALE, KANSAS, May 22, 1911.

General Orders }  
No. 1 }

I. The highest honors within the gift of the annual convention has been intrusted my keeping, and I shall endeavor to serve you to the best of my ability; and I kindly ask the cooperation of every member of the order.

II. Headquarters of the Department President are hereby established at Cherryvale, to which all communications pertaining to decisions, and questions of law should be addressed.

III. The quarterly reports and all letters pertaining to reports, returns, records and charter fees must be sent to Marian Stratton Nation, Department Secretary, Emporia.

IV. All money orders and checks for per capita tax must be made payable to Department Treasurer Florence A. Bunn, Lawrence, but must be sent with both secretary's and treasurer's reports to Department Secretary Marian Stratton Nation, Emporia.

V. Corps presidents will see that reports for quarter ending June 30, reach Department Secretary not later than July 6. On account of the early date of the National Convention, Department reports must be sent by July 10.

VI. The Memorial Day order and blanks already have been sent to each corps in the Department.

VII. All corps will observe Flag Day with befitting ceremony and see that Old Glory is flying to the breeze and wafted from every housetop.

VIII. Officers elected, appointed and installed for the ensuing year are as follows:

President, Lillian A. Hendricks, No. 84.  
Senior Vice-President, Mary McFarland, No. 9, Lawrence.  
Junior Vice-President, Kate Kilmer, No. 177, Argentine.  
Secretary, Marian Stratton Nation, No. 70, Emporia.  
Treasurer, Florence A. Bunn, No. 241, Lawrence.  
Chaplain, Olive J. Peters, No. 63, Abilene.  
Inspector, Agnes Michaelis, No. 25, Nickerson.  
Counselor, Sarah E. Staplin, No. 254, Ellis.



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I. and I. Officer, Anna E. Houghton, No. 11, Fort Scott.  
Press Correspondent, Ida Heacock Baker, No. 76, Parsons.

Patriotic Instructor, Lilla C. Godfrey, No. 71, Newton.  
Chief of Staff and Senior Aide, Mollie J. Lease, No. 149, Norton.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chairman, Maggie Dornblazer, No. 53, Fredonia.

Kathryn Ealden, No. 254, Ellis.

Jennie V. Brewster, No. 259, Baxter Springs.

Louise Vandine, No. 40, Wichita.

Lulu E. House, No. 43, Manhattan.

IX. Further announcements, appointments and decisions of the convention will be made in next general orders.

X. The Department Password is promulgated with these orders.

XI. Corps chaplains will send the Memorial Day report to Olive J. Peters, Department Chaplain, Abilene.

XII. The following comrades were elected and installed in the offices specified:

Department Commander, T. P. Anderson, Kansas City.

Senior Vice Department Commander, P. R. Hobble, Post 294.

Junior Vice Department Commander, W. H. Eggert, Post 12.

Chaplain, John W. Crouch, State Soldiers' Home, Fort Dodge.

Medical Director, Dr. A. A. Raub, Post 1.

Council of Administration—

W. H. Smith, Post 9.

W. A. Morgan, Post 15.

C. A. Meek, Post 25.

E. C. Manning, Post 85.

W. H. Hollingshead, Post 209.

The following appointments hereby are announced:

Assistant Adjutant-General, J. M. Miller, Post 1.

Assistant Quartermaster-General, J. H. Gallagher, Post 28.

Judge Advocate, O. L. Moore, Post 63.

XIII. I fully appreciate the many beautiful letters, congratulations and kind wishes and greetings already received.

By command of

LILLIAN A. HENDRICKS,

Department President

MARIAN STRATTON NATION,

Department Secretary.

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HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

CHERRYVALE, KANSAS, June 27, 1911.

### General Orders }

#### No. 2 }

The following decisions of the Department Convention held in Lawrence, May 16 to 18, inclusive, hereby are promulgated.

I. That the representation of corps in the Department remain the same, that is, one delegate for every thirty-five members, and one for every major fraction thereof.

II. That the per capita tax remain the same, seven cents per member.

III. Inasmuch as it is against the rules and regulations to hold inspection during the month of August, and in consideration of the extreme heat, and the fact that August and September are the favored months for the National Convention, I would recommend that decision No. 5, of the last convention, be rescinded, and that the time for district convention be during September, October and November.

IV. That a committee be appointed to arrange for a suitable department tablet to be placed in Memorial Hall, and the corps be given the opportunity to contribute toward the same. This committee to report at the next department convention. Inasmuch as a similar recommendation was presented by Mrs. Nation, and adopted one year ago, placing this matter as a part of this year's work, we recommend that the retiring Department President appoint this committee.

Resolution I.—That the beautiful custom of presenting the department president and others with gifts, while commendable enough, consumes much valuable time, and should be done at the open session, and not be allowed to interfere with the regular business of the convention.

Resolution II.—That the twenty-seventh Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, heartily endorse the work of the National Convention On Prevention of Desecration of the Flag, and we hereby recommend our senators and representatives in congress to earnestly work for the passage of such a national law.

Resolution III.—That the incoming president appoint three members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, in compliance with the terms of Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 427, and recommend their appointment by the governor, to act upon the board of trustees, having control of "John Brown Memorial Park." This appointment subject to the approval of the council.

Resolution IV.—We, your committee on resolutions, recommend the adoption of the following:

The thanks of this convention are heartily extended to our department president, Mrs. Staplin, for the unflin-

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kindness, courtesy and fairness exercised by her as she has presided over this body of representative women.

To the trustees of this church who, for the second time, have given us the use of it for convention purposes.

To the woman who gave us the magnificent organ recital on our opening day.

To the press, for its uniform courtesy in reporting our work.

To the guards, who so nobly performed their arduous labors in the convention.

To the color bearers and conductors, who have patriotically performed their beautiful services, and to the women who have so beautifully added their mite to make the work of the convention harmonious.

To the committee on general arrangements, and especially to the members of Washington Relief Corps, of Lawrence, for their indefatigable efforts to render our stay in historic Lawrence pleasant and profitable.

To the people of Lawrence in general, for their hospitality.

And finally, to all those who have used their utmost endeavor to make this convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, memorably happy, we say again and yet again, "We thank you."

V. Delegates and alternates to the National Convention to be held in Rochester, N. Y., August 21-27, 1911.

### **Delegate at Large**

Rachel Stewart, No. 7, Eldorado.

### **Delegates**

Marie Matthews, No. 40, Wichita.  
Parmelia Lawler, No. 92, Fort Dodge.  
Agnes Heigele, No. 145, Iola.  
Ida J. Walker, No. 238, Seneca.  
Susan Southwick, No. 1, Kansas City.  
Maggie Marshall, No. 56, Arkansas City.  
Anna Fisher, No. 77, Wamego.  
Lula E. House, No. 43, Manhattan.  
Kathryn Ealden, No. 254, Ellis.  
Lou Warden, No. 240, Garden City.  
Etta Drake, No. 40, Wichita.

### **Alternate at Large**

Eva Leibfried, No. 70, Emporia.

### **Alternates.**

Mary B. Kirk, No. 63, Abilene.  
Mary Holcomb, No. 64, Garnett.  
Frances De Boe, No. 66, Topeka.  
Lavinia Myers, No. 11, Fort Scott.

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Agnes Diltz, No. 76, Parsons.  
Anna Watson, No. 133, Eureka.  
Anna Pugh, No. 6, Junction City.  
Sarah J. Gannon, No. 275, Selden.  
Julia McCarthy Wood, No. 61, Chanute.  
Mary E. Simpson, No. 110, McPherson.  
Katie Osborn, No. 102, Baldwin.

VI. National general orders, No. 6, accompany these general orders; also circular letter No. 1 from your department patriotic instructor, Lilla C. Godfrey, No. 71, Newton, which has been approved by your department president.

VII. Quarterly report blanks for this quarter have been sent out and corps presidents will see that every question is answered, that you may have proper credit for work performed.

VIII. All corps that will furnish sunflowers for the national convention, will send them direct to department president before August 15.

IX. The department extends greetings to the new corps, No. 184, at Havana.

X. The following appointments are hereby announced:

### **Senior Aide and Chief of Staff.**

Mollie J. Lease, No. 149, Norton.

### **Special Aides.**

Julia Campbell, No. 111.  
Julia McCarthy Wood, No. 61.  
Emma E. Forter, No. 206.  
Alice V. Cook, No. 92.  
Ola Barrett, No. 98.  
Rachel E. Stewart, No. 7.  
Ida K. Bailey, No. 9.  
Dora M. Silver, No. 12.  
Belle Randall, No. 52.  
Mattie Rice, No. 74.  
Ida M. Heacock Baker, No. 76.  
Mary E. Jenkins, No. 22.  
Ida Wallace, No. 113.  
Julia Platz, No. 36.  
Adolia Botsford, No. 84.  
Sarah I. Benham, No. 84.  
Ella Toy, No. 84.  
Lucy Edsall, No. 171.  
Sarah Painter, No. 117.  
Melissa Hurst, No. 189.  
Mary Clogston, 133.  
Eva Brewer, No. 52.  
Addie Houghawot, No. 262.  
Jennie C. Conner, No. 270.  
Ella Colvin, No. 45.  
Simna McClain, No. 50.  
Elizabeth Porter, No. 104.



MRS. J. S. SIMMONS  
Department Special Aide



ALICE HUFFMAN  
President W. R. C., No. 40, Wichita, Kansas

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Sarah Hendry, No. 259.

Fannie J. Loader, No. 10.

Mina P. Dias, No. 9.

These aides will report at once to the senior aide, Mollie J. Lease, Norton, who will forward your commissions. Other appointments will be made later.

XI. The first quarterly reports to be received by your department secretary were from Nos. 220, 39, 31, 118, 175, 146, 137, 184, 8, 21, 237, 155, who appreciates the promptness of these officers.

XII. Arrangements and accommodations for the national convention are being looked after, and will be reported in next general orders; also credential cards will be sent at that time.

All delegates who do not expect to attend, will kindly notify the department secretary, that vacancies may be filled before leaving the state.

XIII. All district convention presidents will send their name, address and time of holding convention to department president.

XIV. Let every corps president attend to it and have the June quarterly reports sent out in time that there may be no delinquent corps to report to the national convention.

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### **In Memoriam**

The Shadow of Death has entered some of our homes and taken away loved ones to that beautiful city "Over There."

Kate C. Kilmer, department junior vice-president, mourns the loss of her dear mother.

Mrs. Maggie Louisa Mills, of No. 37, passed away May 29, also Mrs. Jane Morgan on June 12. May "Our Father in Heaven" comfort those who mourn.

Corps No. 70 was saddened by the death of one of the charter members, Keziah Mellen, who died at the home of her daughter, in Missouri, last month.

"There is only a curtain between us.

Between the beyond and the here;

They whom we call dead have not left us

Nay—they were never so near."

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By command of

LILLIAN A. HENDRICKS,

Department President.

Marian Stratton Nation,

Department Secretary.

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HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS. }  
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

CHERRYVALE, KANSAS, August 11, 1911.

### General Orders }

#### No. 3 }

I. The Twenty-nintu National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps will be held in the City of Rochester, N. Y., August 21 to 26. National General Order No. 9 containing all information relative to meetings, receptions, etc., has been sent to every corps, and all entitled to receive it.

The official train from Kansas will leave Kansas City via the Santa Fe, at 7:30 p. m., Sunday, August 20 and will arrive in Chicago 9:15 a. m., Monday, August 21. Leave Chicago on L. S. & M. L. train No. 14 at 3 p. m., the same day and arrive in Rochester at 9:40 a. m., Tuesday, August 22. Delegates should consult their local agents regarding fare and number of train to reach Kansas City in time for G. A. R. special. The round trip ticket from Kansas City will be \$32.40.

II. Kansas Headquarters will be established at Hotel Eggleston, August 22. All comrades of the Grand Army, members of the Woman's Relief Corps and kindred organizations will be cordially welcomed. Department Headquarters will close in Cherryvale, August 19.

III. Credential cards will be sent to all delegates and they will report at Headquarters on their arrival and receive their department badges. They will then present their credential cards to the credential committee at National Headquarters, Brown Parlor, Hotel Seneca, where they will receive their delegate badges. Each representative to the National Convention must get the National password from her own corps president.

IV. A reception will be tendered Department Commander Anderson and staff, Tuesday evening, August 22, from eight-thirty to nine-thirty o'clock in the parlors of the Hotel Eggleston. A most cordial invitation is extended.

#### Reception Committee

Mrs. T. P. Anderson, wife of Commander Anderson; Marion Stratton Nation, Sarah E. Staplin, Julia McCarthy Wood, Lulu E. House.

All delegates who cannot go to National Convention will so advise Department Secretary at once, as vacancies must be filled before leaving the state.

#### Sunflower Committee

Permelia Lawler, No. 92.

Rachel Stewart, No. 7.

Anna Fisher, No. 77.



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Marie Mathews, No. 40.  
Maggie Marshall, No. 56.  
Etta Drake, No. 40.

V. The following appointments on the staff of the Department President are hereby announced:

### **Special Aides**

Mary W. Buckner, No. 40.  
Anna P. Neider, No. 43.  
Clemma Bell, No. 188.  
Anna Heacock, No. 76.  
Rose Thacher, No. 177.  
Sadie Gulley, No. 177.  
C. J. Cart, No. 188.  
Agnes Diltz, No. 76.  
Agnes Heigele, No. 145.  
Mary M. Carson, No. 208.  
Clara Suppy, No. 76.  
Rosa Bugg, No. 76.  
Frances J. Riley, No. 264.  
Mary Redup, No. 264.  
Lizzie Hopkins, No. 240.  
Permelia Lawler, No. 92.  
Lottie Hall, No. 92.  
Emily A. Scott, No. 206.  
Kate E. Lewis, No. 70.  
Ella Miller, No. 234.  
Elizabeth Drone, No. 234.  
Sarah Rutherford, No. 234.  
Saphrona Hulbert, No. 234.  
May Griffith, No. 254.  
Kathryn S. Flood, No. 254.  
Marie Heath, No. 221.  
Mary J. Bias, No. 234.  
Anna Maxfield, No. 1.  
Pocahontas Skinner, No. 4.  
Emily Stewart, No. 10.  
Sarepta Rhodes, No. 11.  
R. J. Smith, No. 32.  
Emma A. Zimmerman, No. 40.  
Amy Woodry, No. 45.  
Sarah E. Dyer, No. 63.  
Belle Young, No. 69.  
Mary A. Randolph, No. 70.  
Sarah C. Hall, No. 11.  
M. M. Millen, No. 10.  
Emma Fisher, No. 208.  
Sarah Kirk, No. 208.  
Sarah J. Hanna, No. 206.  
Maggie Roberts, No. 174.  
Emma J. Maunder, No. 67.  
Mattie Rice, No. 74.

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E. Anna Plunkett, No. 84.  
Martha J. Moore, No. 84.  
Mary J. Parsons, No. 84.  
Matilda Fletcher, No. 84.  
Mary Whelan, No. 84.  
Elizabeth Boltwood Moffet, No. 84.  
Ella Young No. 70.

### **Department Aides.**

Belle Kingscott, No. 177.  
Lucy McCollister, No. 234.  
Juliette Hughes, No. 254.  
Jennie Wilson, No. 254.  
Etta Ayers, No. 70.

Each Corps President may appoint an Aide from her corps and forward the name, plainly written, to the Department President, who will confirm and send commission, also circular letter, explaining the work of Special Aides and Aides, and the wishes of the Department President concerning same. All commissions will go forward at the same time, so be prompt in making your appointments.

VI. The resignation of the Department Press Correspondent has been accepted. Ida Heacock Baker, of No. 76, Parsons, hereby is appointed Department Press Correspondent and will accept and perform the duties of that office. All Corps press correspondents will forward items of interest to her weekly.

The Sunday edition of the Topeka Capital will be our official paper. This Department extends thanks to Arthur Capper for this courtesy.

VII. The Fourth District Convention will be held in Osage City, October 26-27. A special invitation to the Department President and her staff has been received, for which we return thanks.

VIII. The following report from the Department Treasurer and Department Secretary's consolidated reports for quarter ending June 30, is submitted:

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| Number of members in good standing .....         | 7465     |
| Cash expended for relief .....                   | \$205.66 |
| Estimated value of relief other than money ..... | \$405.62 |
| Number of persons assisted .....                 | 265      |

IX. The following Corps paid per capita tax on members for quarter ending June 30:

No. 40, Garfield, 257.  
No. 70, P. B. Plumb, 196.  
No. 111, Joe Hooker, 189.  
No. 9, Washington, 159.  
No. 76, Parsons, 145.  
No. 43, Lew Gove, 140.  
No. 145, McCook, 121.  
No. 67, Kearney, 118.  
No. 71, Judson Kilpatrick, 108.

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No. 94, Topeka, 104.

No. 25, Reno, 103.

No. 206, Lyon 103.

No. 92, Victor, 100.

No. 52, Beloit, 100.

X. The Department extends best wishes to Corps No. 45, at Longton, whose belongings were destroyed by fire and which, with some little assistance from the Department President, gathered enough together to hold their next regular meeting.

XI. The annual inspection of corps must be held during the months of September, October and November. Assistant Inspectors should become thoroughly conversant with the work as set forth in latest Rules and Regulations, that they may be prepared to give all necessary information and advice. Assistant Inspectors unable to serve will notify the Department Inspector, Agnes Michaelis, Nickerson, at once, and upon whose recommendation the following Assistant Inspectors have been appointed:

### **Inspection Assignments.**

Department President: Nos. 1, 10, 11, 22, 25, 32, 36, 40, 42, 43, 45, 51, 53, 63, 69, 70, 71, 76, 90, 91, 92, 98, 104, 111, 125, 130, 133, 145, 148, 171, 177, 184, 185, 188, 189, 199, 206, 221, 240, 254, 259, 260, 262, 275,

### **National President.**

Belle C. Harris, 3, 117, 53.

### **Past Department Presidents.**

Mary W. Buckner, 208, 137, 56, 35, 222, 178.

Emma B. Alrich, 187, 129, 86, 87.

Cora M. Deputy, 72, 77, 228, 6.

Anna A. Apple, 155, 272.

Lucy Reed Jones, 52, 265, 30.

Emma E. Forter, 67, 2, 74.

Mary M. Carson, 156, 195.

Evelyn Bradford Knipe, 66, 5.

Julia Campbell, 110, 213.

Margaret H. Griffith, 200, 271.

Anna Heacock, 270,, 2661, 192.

Marion Stratton Nation, 84.

### **Department Senior Vice President.**

Mary McFarland, 102.

### **Department Treasurer.**

Florence A. Bunn, 94, 50.

### **Department Inspector.**

Agnes Michaelis, 237, 12, 57, 61.

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### **Department Chaplain**

Olive J. Peters, 20.

### **Department I. & I.**

Anne E. Houghton, 122.

### **Department Patriotic Inspector.**

Lilla C. Godfrey, 889, 99, 103.

### **Miscellaneous.**

- No. 254, Kathryn Ealden, 26, 81, 266, 255, 161.
- No. 145, Agnes Heigele, 268, 24, 4.
- No. 40, Anna Hall Stevens, 21, 141, 230.
- No. 112, Clara Jellison, 248, 135, 174, 59.
- No. 70, Mary A. Randolph, 107, 158.
- No. 52, Susan Sorgatz, 29, 8.
- No. 43, Ida Dye, 96, 172.
- No. 73, Rosa Jennings, 54, 68, 64.
- No. 94, Carrie D. Frisbie, 9, 113.
- No. 4, Pocahontas Skinner, 28, 150.
- No. 66, Carrie Merwin, 15, 263.
- No. 42, Mrs. Noyes, 238, 273.
- No. 10, Nona Munson, 79, 48.
- No. 53, Maggie Dornblaser, 242.
- No. 185, Nellie Cramer, 147, 65, 201.
- No. 70, Dora Rogers, 146, 39.
- No. 37, Myra Sinclair 33, 27.
- No. 133, Mary Clogston, 7, 176.
- No. 171, Lucy Edsall, 80.
- No. 25, Mary Moon, 219.
- No. 61, Julia McCarthy Wood, 118.
- No. 175, Clara Walt, 214.
- No. 220, Mattie O. Hilliard, 247.
- No. 247, Viola Howison, 220.
- No. 76, Elfie Howe, 31.
- No. 57, Leah Scandrett, 241.
- No. 150, Mary Roberts, 37.
- No. 133, Kate Lewis, 73, 264.
- No. 206, Emily Scott, 75.
- No. 130, Donna F. Hall, 112.
- No. 51, Kate Pond, 119, 197, 239.
- No. 118, Matilda Rhodes, 122.
- No. 214, Myrta Weidenheimer, 175.
- No. 177, Sadie Gully, 234.
- No. 213, Ella Lower, 267.
- No. 15, Josephine A. Jones, 258.

XII. The circular letter of the Department Inspector to her assistants accompanies these General Orders.

XIII. Invitations to the Department President and her staff have been received from the Departments of Indiana, New York, Ohio, Oregon and California to attend receptions given in Rochester, N. Y.

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XIV. The John Brown Memorial Park committee, authorized by the convention in Lawrence, to be appointed by the incoming president, with the approval of a majority of the council, is as follows:

Ida Wilson Moore, Abilene.  
Marion Stratton Nation, Emporia.  
Sarah E. Staplin, Ellis.

The Department Commander from the Grand Army has appointed J. B. Remington, Osawatomie, W. H. Smith, Marysville.

The members of said committee have received their commissions from Governor Stubbs and have had one business meeting. J. B. Remington was chosen president of the board and Marian Stratton Nation, Secretary. The Department President was an invited guest at this meeting.

XV. The thanks of the Department President are hereby tendered for the many beautiful letters and kind wishes received.

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### **In Memoriam.**

XVI. The sad intelligence has reached us of the death of Past Department Commander Harmon, of Wichita, August 3, 1911. The Woman's Relief Corps has lost one of its best friends and our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to Sister Harmon in her great sorrow.

Corps No. 70 also mourns the death of another member, Letitia Hamill, died August 3, one of the oldest and most faithful members.

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XVII. District Presidents will send names of officers and time of holding District Conventions to Department President at once.

By Command of  
LILLIAN A. HENDRICKS,  
Department President.  
MARIAN STRATTON NATION,  
Department Secretary

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HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

CHERRYVALE, KANSAS, September 15, 1911.

General Orders

No. 4

I. The Twenty-ninth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps has passed into history, but the Kansas delegation will ever remember the cordial welcome and gracious courtesies extended by the W. R. C. women, of Rochester, and New York. Mrs. Cora M. Davis, of Oregon, was elected national president, and her first General Orders and password accompany this general order. The Department of Kansas extends greetings to the newly elected National officers and pledges them a hearty, loyal support.

II. Our own headquarters was established at Eggleston Hotel and beautifully decorated with flags, bunting, sunflowers and our own silk banner, also choice cut flowers, every day.

III. Our delegation was filled before leaving the state and was further represented by the department president, junior vice-president, secretary and Past Department Presidents Emma A. Bedell, of Niagara Falls, and Sarah Staplin, of Ellis.

IV. Department Commander Anderson and staff will ever be remembered for making our official trip so pleasant, and we thank them and the delegates from Kansas for the resolutions appreciative of the reception tendered to them at Hotel Eggleston.

V. Headquarters is again established in Cherryvale.

VI. Sunflowers were received from Manhattan, Abilene, Wichita, LaCrosse and several other corps, whose wrappings were so mutilated as to be unreadable, but we return thanks for the same. Everyone in the parade of Kansas veterans wore the sunflower.

VII. Quarterly report blanks have been sent to every corps in the department.

VIII. A resolution was adopted by the convention at Lawrence, requiring corps presidents to acknowledge "inspection blanks" received to the department inspector, and will govern themselves accordingly.

IX. Department Chaplain Olive J. Peters desires corps chaplains to report all names of deceased members to her at once.

X. District conventions will send report of convention and names of newly elected officers to Department Press Correspondent Ida Heacock Baker, Parsons, also corps press correspondents should send all articles of interest. We have space in the Sunday Capital, which is our official paper.

XI. The following additional inspection appointments are hereby announced:

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Department I and I. Officer, Anna E. Houghton, No. 30.  
Department junior vice-president, Kate Kilmer, No. 42, 104, 148.

Department I. and I., Anna E. Houghton, No. 32.  
No. 118, Matilda Rhodes, No. 122.  
No. 94, Jennie Brandon, No. 39.

XII. As patriotism is the life of the nation, I would call attention to "Citizens' Sunday," the first Sunday in October, asking that it be observed.

XIII. We clip from Commander Anderson's General Orders, No. 5:

"It gives me pain to announce the death of our worthy Comrade Mercer, of ElDorado, which took place at Rochester, N. Y., on the night of August 21, while he was in attendance at the National Encampment of the G. A. R. Our order, as well as the citizens of ElDorado, Kan., and his family have sustained a real loss in his death. Mrs. Rachel E. Stewart, of ElDorado, took charge of his body and made arrangements for his shipment to ElDorado, Kan., which required a great deal of work; inasmuch as the only survivor of the family of Comrade Mercer was his son, who lives in Chicago, and whose address it took a good deal of trouble to ascertain."

The following resolution was adopted at the Headquarters of the Department of Kansas, G. A. R., at Rochester, N. Y.:

"Whereas, Mrs. Rachel E. Stewart, a special aide on the staff of Mrs. Lillian A. Hendricks, president of the W. R. C., Department of Kansas, personally took charge of and made all of the arrangements for the preparation and shipment of the body of Comrade Mercer from Rochester to ElDorado, Kan.; and

"Whereas, every detail was carefully watched over, managed and controlled by Mrs. Stewart in a most careful and thoroughly efficient manner; therefore be it

"Resolved, by the delegates, alternates, past department commanders, officers and members of the Department of Kansas, G. A. R., in meeting assembled at Department Headquarters at the Eggleston Hotel at Rochester, N. Y., on this 25th day of August, A. D., 1911, in attendance at the National G. A. R. Encampment, that our thanks are due and are hereby extended to Mrs. Rachel E. Stewart, special aide on the staff of Mrs. Lillian A. Hendricks, President W. R. C., Department of Kansas, for her extraordinary kindness and efficiency in caring for the body of our deceased comrade, and in seeing that it was properly prepared for burial, and in causing it to be shipped to ElDorado, Kan., his former home. She could not have taken any greater interest in or given greater care to the body if it had been the body of a dear friend. Too much praise cannot be given to her."

The Department of the Woman's Relief Corps extends its sincere thanks to Rachel Stewart, our delegate at large, for her loyal performance of this duty.

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XIV. The enclosed circular letter to the aids, explains their duties.

XV. Corps presidents will see that the quarterly reports are properly filled out and returned to the department secretary, promptly, by command of

LILLIAN A. HENDRICKS,  
Department President  
MARIAN STRATTON NATION,  
Department Secretary





# *Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas*

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

CHERRYVALE, KANSAS, December 24, 1911.

General Orders }

No. 5 }

I. Immediately after election the newly elected officers select the Installing Officer, the Corps Secretary reporting their choice to the Department Secretary. All invitations received from posts of the Grand Army of the Republic should be accepted, and if agreeable to the post members, make it public, that our friends may learn the patriotic principles taught in the ceremony. Installation of officers will take place in January, either at a regular meeting, or a special meeting called for that purpose.

II. The Journals of National Convention will soon be ready for mailing and will be forwarded by the official printer, Comrade E. B. Stillings, 368 Congress Street, Boston, Mass., to whom addresses of all entitled to receive them will be sent.

III. As an act of courtesy to the corps, and a duty to the department, each installing officer will forward the corps election returns at once, as from them the roster of 1912 will be made, and to the corps president the National Journal will be sent.

IV. Journals sent corps presidents must be considered as corps property.

V. Quarterly reports will be due at headquarters before another General Order is issued. Corps presidents must thoroughly examine both secretary's and treasurer's reports and see that they agree and are correct. The fine print on the blanks is very explanatory and, if well studied, will insure perfect reports. Make out reports immediately after the last regular meeting in December and forward to Department Secretary, Marian Stratton Nation. Per capita tax made payable to Department Treasurer, Florence A. Bunn.

VI. The remainder of corps election returns have been received and will be forwarded with this General Order.

VII. Your department press correspondent, Ida Heacock Baker, does not receive as many items as she should. Corps press correspondents should send all such notices to her.

VIII. In my circular letter to the special and department aides, I tried to define every duty so clearly that your senior aide, Mollie Jones Lease, would be saved answering many questions, and you will not forget that there are a number of members under suspension, which will need your attention.

IX. The following are hereby appointed:

**Department Special Patriotic Aides**

Marian S. Nation, No. 70.

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Ella D. Hoover, No. 240.  
Bermetta M. Miller, No. 45.  
Susan F. Steiner-Fleck, No. 188.  
Amelia Peters, No. 771.  
Maggie Carr, No. 84.  
Minnie L. Brooks, No. 1.  
Alice Huffman, No. 40.  
Emma Hoagland, No. 111.  
Sarah J. Hanna, No. 206.  
Ella Zimmerman, No. 3.  
Lorena Horton, No. 5.  
May Murphy, No. 9.  
Lavinia Myers, No. 11.  
Belle Rae, No. 42.  
Rosa Bugg, No. 76.  
Dora Gandy, No. 94.  
Lucy McCollister, No. 234.  
Jennie V. L. Brewster, No. 259.

### **Department Special Aides**

Margaret H. Griffith, No. 70.  
Effie Howe, No. 76.  
Celina Cart, No. 188.  
Maggie Byrd, No. 84.  
N. Anna Tolan, No. 84.  
S. Maggie Carr, No. 84.  
Clara J. Plunkett, No. 84.  
Carrie Helm, No. 84.  
Eliza J. Luther, No. 84.  
Ada Lair, No. 188.  
Ella Kingscott, No. 177.  
Laura Cashner, No. 177.  
Susan Norton, No. 148.

Members who have not received commissions, and accept the appointment, if they will write me saying they accept, I will be pleased to forward same to you.

Department Special Patriotic Aides write to your Department Patriotic Instructor for instructions concerning your part in our work. The address is Lilla C. Godfrey, Department Patriotic Instructor, Newton, Kansas.

X. The following corps were on the Honor Roll for quarter ending September 30, 1911: Corps Nos. 258, 255, 175, 86, 51, 135, 21, 33, 237, 77, 254, 1, 10, 146, 158, 31, 9, 54, 84, 37, 92, 72, 70, 145, 15, 4, 260, 187, 63, 87, 155, 199, 206, 189, 261, 35, 96, 185, 110, 241, 130, 213, 42, 90, 219, 28, 247, 25, 40, 26, 222, 39, 68, 117, 262, 174, 71, 99, 178, 65, 102, 230, 3, 150, 7, 147, 234, 263, 177, 5, 238, 118, 80, 268, 201, 66, 200, 11, 36, 27, 208, 221, 74, 8, 137, 119, 133, 239, 69, 24, 275, 149, 94, 6, 75, 45, 171, 112, 91, 52, 29, 264, 64, 48, 172, 267, 111, 30, 76, 265, 89, 56, 67, 248, 57, 75, 242, 188, 176. )

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XI. Some District Conventions have not reported. Their Secretaries will attend to this at once.

XII. Corps reporting 100 members and over at the end of the third quarter, are as follows:

- No. 40 at Wichita, 255.
- No. 111 at Hutchinson, 199.
- No. 70 at Emporia, 187.
- No. 9 at Lawrence, 157.
- No. 43 at Manhattan, 141.
- No. 76 at Parsons, 131.
- No. 145 at Iola, 121.
- No. 67 at Washington, 111.
- No. 71 at Newton, 107.
- No. 52 at Beloit, 103.
- No. 25 at Nickerson, 102.
- No. 177 at Kansas City, 101.
- No. 92 at Fort Dodge, 101.
- No. 206 at Marysville, 100.

XIII. We desire to thank the G. A. R. for General Orders received. In her appointment of Post Aides, your National President has assigned a special work for you to do. Let each one see how well she will do her part.

XIV. Corps are urged to send their flag contribution to your Department Treasurer, Florence A. Bunn, early in the year, that our beautiful silk flags may be in readiness to present when we hold our Department Convention in Wichita, next May.

XV. And now, as the Christmas cheer touches our hearts and we stand on the threshold of the New Year, which so gayly beckons us on, let it strengthen the Bands of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty. By Command of

LILLIAN A. HENDRICKS,

Department President.

MARIAN STRATTON NATION,

Department Secretary.

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HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }  
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC }

CHERRYFALE, KANSAS. February 25, 1912.

General Orders }  
No. 6 }

I. Since the issuing of last General Orders the year 1912 has been ushered in, bringing to some joy and to others sadness. Many changes have been wrought in the ranks of our corps. The faithful officers of 1911 have retired and new ones have taken their places and to each of these we extend a cordial welcome—and thanks to those who have served us so well, and to those who were so prompt in forwarding Election Returns. There are still a number of Corps Presidents who have failed to send in Returns and these are earnestly requested to forward same immediately as our Roster for 1912 is being held awaiting complete returns.

II. National General Orders No. 4, have been forwarded to each Corps President in this Department. The recruiting Aides appointed by the National President will write their acceptance to National Secretary Jennie B. Higgins, Union, Oregon, when a commission and personal letter will be sent each Aide. Badges will be supplied only through Corps Treasurer, also circular letter No. 1 from our National Press Correspondent and circular letter from National Patriotic Instructor. National General Orders, No. 5 also accompanies this order.

III. The National Journal for 1911 has been received and sent to every corps president. It is a very handsome book and should be read by every corps member. It is corps property.

IV. The Department Chaplain, Olive J. Peters, of Abilene, desires that each corps chaplain send her the name of all members that have died during the year, by April 1.

V. The Department Patriotic Instructor, Lilla C. Godfrey, of Newton, encloses two copies of form V with this order and they must be filled out and returned to her by March 20, that she may make her report thirty days before Department Convention.

VI. All Department aides will send a complete report of their work to Senior Aide and Chief of Staff, Mollie J. Lease, Norton, by April 1, that she may file her report on time. And you will also remember the personal request of your Department President asking for the return of letters which is to be a gift to her for binding for her future pleasure.

VII. Revised Rules and Regulations and Rituals are now in the hands of the Department Treasurer. Each Corps should have at least one copy of the Revised Laws and Ritualistic work that this Administration may keep pace with the good work of its predecessors.

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VIII. We have a splendid record for the Honor Roll for December 31, 1911. The first reports to be received are as follows: 258, 135, 50, 70, 87, 146, 35, 206, 118, 7, 10, 39, 125, 31, 51, 72, 59, 28, 263, 25, 33, 4, 237, 222, 171, 74, 6, 184, 84, 255, 37, 77, 141, 102, 63, 242, 15, 230, 71, 261, 94, 92, 11, 26, 185, 1, 187, 99, 5, 199, 178, 141, 259, 42, 29, 145, 241, 3, 117,, 264, 111, 262, 36, 64, 155, 234, 208, 248, 56, 27, 69, 89, 9, 130, 40, 68, 32, 238, 149, 45, 73, 96, 54, 119, 21, 220, 67, 240, 79, 228, 268, 98, 200, 260, 76, 239, 213, 273, 254, 176, 133, 189, 45, 20, 188, 22, 52, 265, 175, 122, 270, 150, 65, 147, 177, 112, 174, 275, 75, 110. All other reports were received after January 10.

IX. Corps having 100 members and more are as follows:

No. 40—261.  
No. 111—211.  
No. 70—186.  
No. 76—145.  
No. 9—140.  
No. 43—139.  
No. 145—125.  
No. 67—120.  
No. 71—109.  
No. 52—104.  
No. 25—102.  
No. 94—101.  
No. 206—100.

X. The Twenty-eighth annual convention of the Department of Kansas will be held in Wichita during the week commencing May 20. The next General Orders will contain all necessary information. All corps that have not sent their contribution to the flag fund will do so at once.

XI. Several District Convention secretaries have not reported the names of the new officers elected.

XII. Quarterly Report Blanks will be sent to every Corps President before March 10 and you will see that they are filled out properly with per capita tax made payable to Department Treasurer, Florence A. Bunn, Lawrence, and returned to Department Secretary promptly, that every corps in the Department may be in good standing and have a representation at the annual convention. Wichita is making great preparations for our coming. Then let us all be there.

XIII. All officers in the Department are requested to see that their reports are sent to Department Headquarters not later than April 15, as these must be sent to the printer by April 20 to be ready for Convention.

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XIV. The Departments extends loving sympathy to Sister Coulter, of Santa Ana, Calif. in the loss of her soldier husband, who was a Past Department Commander of Kansas.

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XV. And now as the gentle springtime unfurls its bud and blossom and all nature seems to take on new life, let us, too, inculcate a deeper love for the grand principles of our Order and reach out with a broader comprehension of its far-reaching influence.

By Command of  
LILLIAN A. HENDRICKS,  
Department President.  
MARIAN STRATTON NATION,  
Department Secretary.



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HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }  
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

CHERRYVALE, KANSAS, April 10, 1912.

General Orders }  
No. 7 }

### **Memorial Day**

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1. Spring, with her sunshine and showers, has melted the snowy mantle and passed the wintry winds from Mother Earth, bidding the buds and blossoms to spring forth in all their beauty and fragrance to fill the arms of the loyal gleaners, with their sweet spirit of fraternity, to place them above the resting places of our Honored Dead. With tenderness in our hearts let us remember those who sleep where no loving hands can carry these garlands of memory to our Nation's Heroes. But whether their requiems be sung by the restless waves, or by the sighing winds, they are all on God's roll-call. He knows them all. He covers the earth with His choicest verdure, and plants with lavish hand the wild flowers among the grasses. He bids the song birds trill their sweetest note in out-of-the-way places. So throughout the year every day is God's Decoration Day for those who sleep where they fell. Let us ever stand ready to render every assistance to the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic that they may require of us, on Memorial Day—whether to weave the flowers into garlands for our heroes, dead, or to make glad the day for our heroes, living—let all be done as befits the day hallowed by tender associations.

“With slow and reverend tread  
We bring the roses red  
To deck the soldier's bed,  
Emblem of the blood they shed  
For this, our native land.

“And we white daisies bring  
A simple offering,  
Emblem of holy peace—  
Oh, may its reign ne'er cease  
In this, our happy land.

“We bring the violets blue;  
They say, ‘Be true, be true.’  
True to God above you,  
True to friends that love you  
And to thy native land.

“For the brave and the true  
We'll twine them together,  
For the red, white and blue  
Are united forever”

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II. Let the children who are to be the citizens of the future, have a part in the services of the day.

Let little ones bring blossoms sweet  
To brave men lying low;  
Let little hearts, to soldiers dead  
Their love and honor show.

Teach them its sacred meaning and that the responsibility will soon be theirs to perpetuate its memories.

### III.

"To honor thy Past, O Nation,  
To thy Future to be true;  
The longer line of the children  
Leads the shorter line of the blue.

"The Past—the man and the musket;  
The Present—the child and the school;  
The Future—a holier people,  
And they who obey shall rule.

"Fear not for thy flag or thy freedom  
While the hearts of the home are true.  
The lengthening line of the children  
Cheers the shortening line of the blue."

IV. Memorial Day blanks have been sent to each corps president, who will see that the corps chaplain fills them out and returns them promptly to Department Chaplain.

By Command of  
LILLIAN A. HENDRICKS,  
Department President.  
MARIAN STRATTON NATION,  
Department Secretary.



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### HEADQUARTERS WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS

#### AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

CHERRYVALE, KANSAS, April 15, 1912.

#### General Orders

##### No. 8

I. The Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, will be held in Wichita, May 21 to 23 inclusive, in the First Baptist Church, corner Second and Lawrence Avenue.

II. Department Headquarters will be established at the Manhattan Hotel. A cordial welcome will be extended to all members of our order, comrades of the Grand Army, kindred organizations and friends, by the following Reception Committee: Emma E. Forter, No. 206; Sarah E. Staplin, No. 254; Alice Huffman, No. 40; Mary McFarland, No. 9; Anna Heacock, No. 76; Martha Moore, No. 84; Mary W. Buckner, No. 40, and all Past Department Presidents who are present.

III. The following rates have been furnished by the Secretary of the Executive Committee:

Hotels, American Plan: Hamilton, Keystone, Pennsylvania, \$1.25 to \$3.00 per day.

Hotels, European Plan: Manhattan, New Wellington, Baltimore, Coronado, etc., 50 cents to \$3.00 per day.

Private homes, 50 cents to \$1.25 per day. Hotel accommodations and rooming houses are ample to care for all who come.

IV. These headquarters will close May 18 and reopen in Wichita, Tuesday morning, May 21.

V. The Auditing Committee consisting of Maggie Dornblaser, Lulu E. House, Kathryn Ealden, will meet at Headquarters on Monday, May 20, at 8:30 a. m.

VI. The Credential Committee consisting of Marian S. Nation, Agnes Heigle and Dora Weirman, will be at the Forum on Tuesday and at the First Baptist Church on Wednesday ready to receive credential cards. Delegates arriving will go to the Forum where the Assignment Committee and all other committees will have Headquarters.

VII. The Department Council will convene at Headquarters Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock and all District Presidents at 11 o'clock.

VIII. An open session of the convention will be held in the church on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The program of this session will consist of the address of welcome and the response; at 3 o'clock the presentation of the large silk flag to the Wichita High School and any business which may properly be transacted.

IX. A joint reception of the different organizations will be held in the Forum Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock sharp. All Department Officers and Past Department Presidents are in-

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vited to help receive. Immediately following the reception will be a campfire.

X. The Department Convention will be called to order on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, and will continue in session until all business has been transacted.

XI. Credential cards accompany these orders. If more are needed, notify the Department Secretary and they will be sent. Corps Presidents will see that they are properly filled out and given to those entitled to them. Delegates do not fail to secure the password from your president.

XII. Only one-fourth of the Corps have responded to the call for contributions to the flag fund. As we are confident that all Corps are anxious to contribute toward this patriotic gift, we wish to remind you that the time is growing short and the amount should be sent as soon as possible.

XIII. Aides will report at Headquarters to Mollie Jones Lease, Senior Aide and Chief of Staff, as soon as possible after arriving, that she may assign them to duty.

XIV. All desiring to secure rooms or board should notify the chairman of the committee, Alice Huffman, at an early date, stating explicitly the price and location desired and other facts that will enable the members of the committee to arrange their work in a satisfactory manner.

XV. Corps wishing to present resolutions or recommendations to Department Convention will forward the same to the Department Secretary.

XVI. National Chaplain's circular letter and National and Department Memorial Day General Orders accompany this General Order. Memorial Day Blanks were sent with National General Orders No. 5.

XVII. There are a few National Journals of Convention held in Rochester on hand. Anyone desiring the same will enclose 14 cents for postage and the Department Secretary will send one.

XVIII. Department Roster for 1912 has been sent to all Corps Presidents and others entitled to receive it.

XIX. The Honor Roll for quarter ending March 31, is as follows: 118, 103, 230, 90, 25, 242, 135, 263, 70, 84, 48, 94, 1, 122, 9, 92, 130, 189, 240, 15, 146, 33, 42, 206, 241, 59, 200, 87, 64, 73, 40, 21, 35, 6, 234, 4, 53, 185, 772, 51, 171, 37, 187, 117, 145, 96, 63, 10, 260, 254, 125, 3, 74, 222, 5, 77, 267, 27, 7, 54, 262, 102, 36, 265, 69, 43, 275, 281, 45, 264, 71, 30, 238, 178, 32, 129, 79, 172, 67, 68, 26, 259, 61, 76, 149, 220, 28, 271, 52, 221, 119, 261, 248, 110, 155, 22, 133, 208, 213, 112, 273, 11, 137, 111, 48, 39, 29, 8, 175, 56, 57, 237, 89, 192, 176, 188, 268, 65, 247, 113, 31, 20, 174, 98, 148, 24, 239.

XX. The Department extends congratulations to John W. Geary Corps No. 16, at Cottonwood Falls, which was organized March 19, by the Department President and Department Secretary, Etta Ayers as President and a roll of twenty-three charter members. Mrs. Ayers as Special Aide to the Department President was ably assisted in securing names

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for the corps by W. A. Morgan, Past Department Commander.

XXI. In accordance with the many requests received at these Headquarters the following Special and Department Aides are hereby appointed:

### **Department Special Aides**

Phebe Steffen, No. 176; Sara C. Scoville, No. 32; Eka J. White, No. 176; Cornelia Wilson, No. 22; Inez, Kincaid, No. 70; Zippa Lorraine Bunn, No. 241; Susanna Ergenbright, No. 34; Florence A. Bunn, No. 241; Mary Nadlehoffer, No. 9; Goldena Hendricks, No. 84.

### **Department Special Patriotic Aides**

Myrtle Hefflefinger, No. 176; Sylvia Crandell, No. 32; Mary Spangler, No. 71; Mary A. Lamont, No. 9; Lucy Andrus, No. 80; Maggie Bird, No. 84; Emma Simmons, No. 111; Anna M. Coe, No. 16; Mary Knox, No. 70.

XXII. Corps must anticipate their wants in corps supplies, for the Treasurer's books and office will close May 15. No supplies to be given out at Convention, except Presidents of Corps should get the Red Books and an hour will be appointed to accommodate all wishing them.

XXIII. All presentations must take place on Tuesday afternoon and evening, as time must not be taken from Convention proper. To those who have any presentation speeches to make, kindly have the same written out and hand it to the Secretary that it may appear correctly in the Journal and thus avoid the trouble that has occurred at different times in the past.

XXIV. The Department Treasurer shipped four complete sets of silk flags to Corps No. 33, Osage City a short time ago. This is a "Flag Year" for the Department.

XXV. Mrs. Cora N. Davis, National President, has accepted an invitation to be present and hopes to be with us for a few hours.

XXVI. The following Convention appointments are hereby announced: Chief Conductor, Julia McCarthy Wood, No. 61; Assistant Chief Conductor, Rose Thacher, No. 177; Chief Guard, Pocahontas Skinner, No. 4; Assistant Chief Guard, Emma Joliff, No. 99; Chief Floor Aide, Goldena Hendricks, No. 84; Assistants, Rebecca Bulkley, Dora Buckner, Elma Dunn, Mabel Maginnis, Mabel Smith, Florence Tucker, Eva Menefee, Lenora Christopher, all of No. 40; Musician, Mrs. Grace Kaltenback. Other appointments will be announced at Convention.

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With sorrow we announce the death of Past National Treasurer and Past National Secretary, Sarah E. Phillips, of Syracuse, New York.

The Department extends tender sympathy to all home circles where so many of our own loved members have passed into the sweet beyond and left them broken.

“They are out of the chaos of living,  
The wreck and debris of the years,  
They have passed from the struggle and striving,  
They have drained the last goblet of tears,  
They have ceased one by one from their labors,  
So we clothed them in garments of rest,  
They have entered the chamber of silence,  
God do for them now, what is best.”

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XXVII. To all, in this, my last General Orders, I send affectionate greetings and the love of a grateful and appreciative heart. The kindly words and gentle messages that have come to me from time to time will ever remain my most tender memories. To each officer, to every individual member and to Commander Anderson and staff and all Past Department Commanders, for the many courtesies received, I can only say I thank you. Words cannot express to you my gratitude. The general orders received from many sister departments have been read and prized very highly. And now let us remember our sacred obligation, and live such lives of charity and loyalty that we may be entitled to the golden key that unlocks the palace of eternity.

“There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,  
There are souls that are pure and true,  
Then give to the world the best you have,  
And the best will come back to you.”

By Command of  
LILLIAN A. HENDRICKS,  
Department President.  
MARIAN STRATTON NATION,  
Department Secretary.

# *Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas*

HEADQUARTERS WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS. }

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

CHERRYVALE, KANSAS, September 15, 1911.

Department President }  
Circular Letter }  
No. 1 }

To My Dear Aides:—

Greeting:

The position of Aide to the Department President is a very important one, not wholly honorary. The appointment does not mean just the wearing of a red ribbon to your badge of office; each Aide is expected to make this a year of devoted and earnest work. It requires study and thought, for it is your duty to look after and encourage weak Corps, organize new ones where none exist, urge upon Post Commanders where they have no Corps the necessity of organizing one.

It is our desire to throw every safeguard around the veterans and their families, and to this end you must strive to enlist the co-operation of every woman eligible to membership in the Woman's Relief Corps.

It is confidently expected that my Aides will assist in restoring delinquents to their true place in the order. Let there be no delinquent Corps or members in your section. Look around you, search for the needy and comfort them. As the dreary Autumn days draw near, reminding us that Winter and the Holiday Season is approaching very fast, let us be up and doing, thus showing our thankfulness for the blessings bestowed upon us by trying to make it a holy, happy season to those who sacrificed so much that we might say, "He maketh peace in thy borders." Let harmony be your watchword and prosperity will follow.

I have enumerated some of the work we can do. There are many other ways we can assist in carrying on the work of the Woman's Relief Corps.

For the benefit of those who do not have Rules and Regulations at hand I quote as follows: "Rules and Regulations, Article VI, Section 13. The Aides appointed by the Department President shall aid and assist that officer as she may require.

"They shall thoroughly inform themselves as to rules and Regulations and Ritual of the Woman's Relief Corps. They shall visit without expense to the Order, as many Corps as possible, encourage and consult with Corps officers, without assuming to decide questions of law, or methods of Ritual work.

They shall make proper inquiry in regard to proper points for the formation of new Corps, aid in allaying dissensions in Corps, only after consultation and agreement with Corps President; consult with Corps Officers in their vicinity in regard to methods of obtaining new members and re-instating suspended ones, and as least once during the quarter

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address a letter to the Department Senior Aide, stating in detail work done, and give such information as may be deemed of benefit to the Order."

It is my wish that each Aide will secure as many members as possible during your term of office as my Aides.

With your Commission I am sending you Blank Reports to be used in making your report to me of the year's work.

These reports are to be a personal gift to me, one I will greatly prize for their personal associations, as well as for the good work done for our Order. I hope to receive a report from every Aide on my staff and that each one will be fortunate in securing much to record. These reports are to be bound in book form and to be my own personal property. My earnest desire is that there will be many volumes to be bound.

We all love to be remembered, and gifts of appreciation are beautiful testimonials; no one appreciates a gift more than I do; so as your gift to me, let me have the pleasure of reading your report containing the history of your faithful and loyal efforts, the work done as my Special Department Aide, or Department Aide, as the case may be. Any amusing incident connected with your work will add a little spice to the report and be fully appreciated, and add to the pleasure of your Department President.

It will be an added pleasure to meet each of you personally, to clasp your hand in greeting, and see your smiling faces at our next Convention, to be held in Wichita next May. Will you come? Please try to do so.

I wish it were possible to spare the time to write each one of my Aides personally. As there are over three hundred Aides in my "Aide Family," you see that it would be impossible to do so and I take this method of explaining my wishes and desires. I wish you to accept this letter as a personal appeal to you just the same as if written by my own hand.

Please save the aube containing your commission, Report Blanks and this letter, same to be used in returning your report to me, as I do not wish the paper to be folded; it will not look so well if creased, when bound in the books. Hope to receive all reports by April 25, 1912.

Thanking you at this time for the faithful service to follow, wishing you happiness and success in your loyal work for the Women's Relief Corps.

The harvest is ripe for the gleaner; will you do your portion of work before us?

"The work of the world is done by few,  
God asks that a part be done by you,  
Our lives will be told by the light we shed  
On those who follow where we may lead,  
And our years be measured by what is said  
On the soul's worn page, which the Judge will read."

Fraternally in F. C. and L.

LILLIAN A. HENDRICKS,

Department President.

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### **Department Special Aides**

Those who were appointed in General Order No. 2:

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|-------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Julia Campbell .....    | 111 | Lucy Edsall .....      | 171 |
| Emma E. Forter .....    | 206 | Sarah Painter .....    | 117 |
| Alice V. Cook .....     | 92  | Melissa Hurst .....    | 189 |
| Ola Barrett .....       | 98  | Mary Clogston .....    | 133 |
| Rachel E. Stewart ..... | 7   | Eva Brewer .....       | 52  |
| Ida K. Bailey .....     | 9   | Addie Houghawot ..     | 262 |
| Dora M. Silver .....    | 12  | Jennie C. Conner ..... | 270 |
| Belle Randall .....     | 52  | Ella Colvin .....      | 45  |
| Mattie Rice .....       | 74  | Sinna McClain .....    | 50  |
| Ida M. Heacock Baker .. | 76  | Elizabeth Porter ..... | 104 |
| Mary E. Jenkins .....   | 25  | Sarah Hendry .....     | 259 |
| Ida Wallace .....       | 143 | Fannie J. Loader ..... | 10  |
| Adolia Botsford .....   | 84  | Ella Colvin .....      | 45  |
| Sarah I. Benham .....   | 84  | Mina P. Dias .....     | 9   |
| Ella Toy .....          | 84  |                        |     |

Those who were appointed in General Order No. 3:

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|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Mary W. Buckner .....  | 40  | May Griffith .....     | 254 |
| Anna P. Neider .....   | 43  | Kathryn S. Flood ..... | 254 |
| Clema Bell .....       | 188 | Marie Heath .....      | 221 |
| Anna Heacock .....     | 76  | Anna Maxfields .....   | 1   |
| Rose Thatcher .....    | 177 | Pocahontas Skinner ..  | 4   |
| Sadie Gulley .....     | 177 | Emily Stewart .....    | 10  |
| Celestia J. Cart ..... | 188 | Sarepta Rhodes .....   | 11  |
| Agnes Diltz .....      | 76  | Rebecca J. Smith ..... | 32  |
| Agnes Heigele .....    | 145 | Emma A. Zimmerman ..   | 40  |
| Mary M. Carson .....   | 208 | Amy Woodry .....       | 45  |
| Clara Suppy .....      | 76  | Sarah E. Dyer .....    | 63  |
| Rosa Bugg .....        | 76  | Belle Young .....      | 69  |
| Frances J. Riley ..... | 264 | Mary A. Randolph ..... | 70  |
| Mary Redrup .....      | 264 | Sarah C. Hall .....    | 11  |
| Lizzie Hopkins .....   | 240 | M. M. Millen .....     | 10  |
| Permelia Lawler .....  | 92  | Emma Fisher .....      | 208 |
| Lottie Hall .....      | 92  | Sarah Kirk .....       | 208 |
| Emily A. Scott .....   | 206 | E. Anna Plunkett ..... | 84  |
| Kate E. Lewis .....    | 133 | Martha J. Moore .....  | 84  |
| Ella Miller .....      | 234 | Mary J. Parsons .....  | 84  |
| Elizabeth Drone .....  | 234 | Matilda A. Fletcher .. | 84  |
| Sarah Rutherford ..... | 234 | Mary Whelan .....      | 84  |
| Mary J. Bias .....     | 234 | Elizabeth Boltwood ..  | 84  |
| Saphrona Hulbert ..... | 234 | Ella Young .....       | 70  |

This list is my last appointment of Special Aides:

### **Department Special Aides**

|                          |   |                        |    |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------|----|
| Ella G. Humphreyville .. | 2 | Nona Munson .....      | 10 |
| Emolyn Norman .....      | 3 | Barbara Pond .....     | 11 |
| Kate Hofer .....         | 5 | Lottie V. Baker .....  | 12 |
| Julia A. Brown .....     | 6 | Mollie E. Harmon ..... | 15 |
| Emma B. Alrich .....     | 8 | Zilpha Mills .....     | 19 |

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|-------------------------------|----|---------------------------------|-----|
| Frances P. Norris . . . . .   | 20 | E. Louise Logan . . . . .       | 84  |
| Ella Harrison . . . . .       | 21 | Rebecca Paxton . . . . .        | 84  |
| Emma Kolbohm . . . . .        | 24 | Hattie Bowman . . . . .         | 86  |
| Flora Davis . . . . .         | 25 | Allie E. Cleaver . . . . .      | 87  |
| Maria L. Stull . . . . .      | 26 | Ruthbana Wise . . . . .         | 89  |
| Elizabeth M. Fulton . . . . . | 27 | Mary B. Joyce . . . . .         | 90  |
| Hannah J. Simpson . . . . .   | 28 | Elizabeth Teator . . . . .      | 91  |
| Hattie Marshall . . . . .     | 29 | Catherine Stone . . . . .       | 92  |
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LILLIAN A. HENDRICKS,  
Department President.

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HEADQUARTERS WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS.

AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,

CHERRYVALE KANSAS, December 24, 1911

Circular Letter }

No. 2 }

*To All Members of the Department and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic—*

### GREETING:

My heart overflows with gratitude and joy to be at home once more and to take up the work which was brought to such an abrupt termination last October by my severe illness. I have been the recipient of so much at your hands. So many beautiful flowers, so many gifts breathing of love and friendship, and the hundreds of letters which are cherished as no others will ever be, that language is inadequate to express my appreciation for the same. I feel that my health is slowly but surely coming back to me, and when the auditing committee met in Cherryvale early in December, and the utmost harmony prevailed and the books were found correct, that, too, gave me added strength. To each department officer who has in her own way helped to keep the ship sailing, I can only say thanks, thanks, and to each member who has so kindly and with forbearance overlooked the mistakes which have occurred. I know that I can never repay you, but you have been an inspiration to me and now that the old year is fast waning, the New Year is just ahead ready to turn the pretty, clean, white page for our writing, let us sing its praise and partake of its gladness, and may life's richest blessings come to each one of you.

Fraternally and Loyally Yours,

LILLIAN A. HENDRICKS,

Department President.

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OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR,

NICKERSON, KANSAS.

Circular Letter

No. 1

*To Corps and Assistant Inspectors:*

Greeting:

Having been appointed Department Inspector by our Department President, I fully appreciate the honor conferred, and earnestly hope that the work she has entrusted to me will meet with her approval and I ask the hearty support of every assistant inspector in the work, for without your help little can be done.

"Let us give the best we have  
And the best will come back to us."

Corps Presidents should have their work done according to the ritual at every meeting, and also will see that the books of the secretary and treasurer are ready for examination and be ready to answer all questions on blank Form O, which will be sent to the Department Inspector.

Each assistant inspector will prepare herself for the work assigned to her, that her presence and help may be a benefit to the corps. Help them in every way, and do not criticise unkindly. Confer with corps president in regard to dates and make your expense as small as possible. Every corps in the department must be inspected—see R. and R. Article V, Section 1.

Loyally Yours in F. C. and L.

AGNES MICHAELIS,

Department Inspector.

Approved by Department President.

# Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

NEWTON, KANSAS.

Circular Letter

No. 1

*To Corps Patriotic Instructors:*

Greeting:

Fully realizing the honor conferred by the Department President, Lillian Hendricks, by appointing me to the above office, it is with pleasure and pride, that I should be chosen to conduct the beautiful and patriotic work for the coming year. Co-workers, unite with me in carrying forward the work to a successful ending. Let us see that the fire of Patriotism does not smolder to ashes, while we hold the office.

Blanks previously sent to each corps in the Department, should be filled out and sent to me at once. If you fail in this your work will not be included in the reports sent to National Office.

My experience has been that not enough attention or thought is given blanks. Officers fail to recognize the importance of completely filling blanks and returning them at the proper time; this lack of completeness in reports not only discommodates the Department officers, but also is detrimental to the Department in that it is impossible to give them credit for work that may actually have been accomplished.

A few of the Anniversary Days have been selected as a help to corps Patriotic Instructors. If in need of any special subject along this work I will try to supply the demand. Any corps wishing Patriotic Primers, Humane Teaching Leaflets, Flag Salute Leaflets, selections and suggestive programs for Peace and Arbitration Day, apply to my office.

Patriotic Anniversaries have been arranged as follows, remembering the hope of the Nation is the Public School.

January 8. Battle of New Orleans, 1815.  
January 29. Kansas Day.  
January 29. McKinley's Birthday, Died 1902.  
February 12. Birth of Abraham Lincoln, 1809.  
February 22. Birth of George Washington, 1732.  
March 4. First United States Congress, 1789.  
April 9. Surrender of Lee, 1865.  
April 19. Battle of Lexington, 1775.  
April . Arbor Day.  
April 19. Birth of U. S. Grant.  
April 30. Inauguration of Washington, 1789.  
May 19. Peace and Arbitration Day.  
May 19. Memorial Sabbath.  
May 30. Memorial Day.  
June 14. Flag Day.  
September 22. Emancipation Proclamation, 1862.

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July 4. Independence Day.

September 10. Perry's Victory, 1813.

First Sunday, October. Citizens' Sunday.

October 12. Discovery of America, 1492.

October 19. Surrender of Cornwallis, 1781.

November 24. Origin of Thanksgiving.

December 20. Landing of Pilgrims, 1620.

Other topics, Andersonville, past, present and future.

Clara Barton, the work of Red Cross Society.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Department President for her expression of confidence in trusting the work of the year to my keeping, may it meet with approval of all.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

**LILLA C. GODFREY,**

Department Patriotic Instructor.



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HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }  
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }

LAWRENCE, KANSAS, November 3, 1911.

Circular Letter {

No. 1 }

To Corps Presidents and Members, Greeting:

It is with great joy that I announce to you that our Department President, who has been so near to death's door, has passed the crisis and is considered out of danger, and I deem it wise at this time to call your attention to the glad Thanksgiving time. To most of us it brings happiness and cheer. Then let us not forget those saddened homes, where there is little joy and sunshine. With hearts overflowing with praise for the many blessings bestowed upon us the past year, let us not forget those less fortunate than ourselves, giving of our plenty to those who need our help, remembering "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Especially care for the widows and orphans of our soldier dead.

The annual election of officers, and also delegates and alternates to Department Convention, is held at the first regular meeting in December. Corps officers should endeavor to have their full quota of members in good standing by that time. Remind all that anyone six months in arrears for dues is not entitled to vote nor eligible to any office. Select for leaders those who are able and willing to give time and energy to the work.

Representation to the Department Convention is based upon the number of members in good standing September 30. One delegate for every thirty-five members and one additional delegate for a fraction of over one-half that number; but each Corps, whatever its membership, is entitled to one delegate.

National General Orders No. 2, containing the decisions of the National Convention, held in Rochester, also General Orders No. 3, and Corps requisition blanks accompany this circular letter.

Corps Presidents should not ask the Department President to grant dispensations contrary to Rules and Regulations.

Secretaries of District Conventions should send names of the newly elected officers and report to the Department Secretary.

Your Department President has received many letters of sympathy and beautiful flowers during the days of suffering at the Wesley Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., all of which it will be her great pleasure to acknowledge when her health returns.

Your Department President authorized the Department Inspector, Agnes Michaelis, to fill all vacancies for inspection,

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and it is hoped that all Corps will be very charitable in the second choice.

With best wishes for each and every Corps in this Department, I am loyally and fraternally, yours in F., C. and L.

**MARY M'FARLAND,**

Senior Vice President.

MARIAN STRATTON NATION,

Department Secretary.





## *Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas*

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR AIDE AND CHIEF OF STAFF,

NORTON, KANSAS, September 1, 1912. }

Circular Letter }

No. 1 }

To the Department Aides:

Greeting:—Having again been honored by our Department President with the office of Senior Aide, I, with yourselves, certainly consider the appointment an expression of her confidence in our loyalty and a willingness on our part to do all in our power to assist the Department President, and in at least a small measure prove ourselves worthy of the honor conferred.

Aides are not appointed for any other purpose but as recognition of good work performed and to be an assistant to the President.

Let one aim be to bring in new members; also try and prevail on those who have taken discharge cards, or been dropped to be reinstated, and in this way recruit the ranks of our order.

Encourage weak corps wherever you hear of them and have the opportunity. Endeavor to arouse a greater interest in our work among those that have become indifferent.

Try during the close of your year of appointment to do some special work that it may be placed to your credit, thus showing the appreciation of the honor conferred.

Send your report to me of all work accomplished, that my report may contain and give full credit to all. This refers to the Personal Circular Letter sent you by the Department President with blanks, to report members you have personally secured during her term of office. These blanks will be forwarded to the Department President as soon as I have given you credit for work accomplished.

Stand in readiness at all times to perform any personal work for the Department President that may be required of you.

Let it be your earnest endeavor to try and prevent the surrendering of Charters, and the dropping and suspension of members.

Remember always the sacred object for which we are banded together, and strive always, to make brighter and happier the lives of the Veterans and their dependent ones.

Keep in mind always our beautiful motto, "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty," especially where you may find there is apt to be a feeling of dissension among the members of Corps, encourage a spirit of Charity, and remind them of the sacredness of the obligation they have taken.

Write at once, if you have not already done so, to the Department President, notifying her of your acceptance of the office, and your appreciation of the honor conferred:

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and your commission Aide report blanks, etc., will be forwarded to you at once.

As Senior Aide, I shall be glad, at all times, to receive your letters, and they will be more than welcome.

Faithfully yours in F. C. and L.

**MOLLIE JONES LEASE,**  
Senior Aide and Chief of Staff.



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To Lillian A. Hendricks, Department President, Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, and address.

I hereby submit to you a report of my trip to Pawnee Rock to present the flag at the unveiling of the monument.

Mrs. Porter and myself, having been appointed to go, left the convention to go to the train. Just as we left, Mrs. Forter received a telegram to meet her husband in Pratt, which made it impossible for her to go, and I had to go alone.

I went the first night to Larned and stayed all night with the President of the Corps, Mrs. Wheeler. The Federation of Woman's Clubs of Kansas being in session there at that time, it was my pleasure to attend their evening meeting. The following morning we were taken to Pawnee Rock in automobiles, landing at the Rock about 11 o'clock, when dinner was served, and immediately afterwards we went up to the monument, where perhaps there were ten thousand people assembled to see the unveiling of the monument and the dedication of this beautiful landmark of Kansas. Mrs. George Barker, of Lawrence, Vice-president of the Woman's Kansas Day Club, presided. Among the different organizations represented there were: Woman's Christian Temperance Union; Federation of Woman's Clubs; Daughters of the American Revolution and Woman's Relief Corps. The names of all these organizations are inscribed upon the monument as having taken part in the purchase of this beautiful shaft. The exercises were very effective and impressive, and one long to be remembered by the many scores of people who were there upon that day.

Address, at Pawnee Rock, Kansas, made by  
CORA M. DEPUTY, *Past Department President, Woman's Relief Corps*:

This is a great pleasure, but it was a great surprise to me when our Department President, Lillian A. Hendricks, announced to me yesterday evening, that I was to go to Pawnee Rock, to present a flag for the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas.

Now, my friends, if you will turn your thoughts back forty-seven years to the greatest war ever fought in the history of time, re-counting the fact that there were 2,265 battles fought and an average of 500 killed and wounded in each battle. In that four years there were eighty-two National Cemeteries made, and filled with 318,879 men of the North, and many, many more strewn in unknown graves. It has been well said, that, "Memory is the soul of the Past, the record-

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ing angel of the Present, and the inspiring genius of the Future." Men went forth to preserve a flag unsullied, and a nation undivided. The glory of their achievements shines forth from every star, and is written by the finger of heroism upon every strip of our nation's flag. We know not what inventions may spring from the brain of the future, nor what fabric may be woven from the loom of coming ages, but this we know, that springing from the infinite sea of the future, there will never come to the shores of time, a greater blessing, nor a rarer gift, than liberty. Let us pause in life's busy work and think of these things, teaching our children to honor the nation's living heroes, and the memory of our heroic dead. How bright are the honors which await those who with sacred fortitude and patriotic patience have endured all things that they might save their native land from division and from the power of corruption.

They that die for a good cause are redeemed from death, neither are they less honored who shall bear through life the mark of wounds and sufferings, neither epaulette or badge is so honorable as wounds received in a good cause. There is a growing pride in our country's heroes, their names inspire patriotism in the hearts of the youth of our land, our Nation sits unsullied today in garments of Liberty, with Justice upon her forehead, Love in her eyes and Truth upon her lips because men went forth to preserve it who loved it better than their own lives.

They joined an army of invisible heroes, but their memories inspire a people with nobler motives and a more exalted patriotism. Their names are inscribed with reverent honors upon the book of national remembrance.

My friends, your generosity and that of Rev. Unhue, has preserved and beautified to future posterity, this landmark of Kansas.

The Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, reaches out its friendly hand to greet you in this noble work, and in token of our kindred work and sympathy we present to you for use at Pawnee Rock, this beautiful flag. It is the holy symbol of our national life. To it the eyes of the loyal sons of America look up. To it, the heads of men now gray with years turn with memories of the days when in youth they and their comrades spilled the wine of the heart's blood like raindrops in the dust as they battled to keep that flag in the air. It was their father's flag and their flag. It is the same old flag that John Paul Jones flung from the masts of the first American Navy.

It is the same old flag that hung from the flagstaff at Valley Forge.

It is the same old flag that led the march and the battle on every battle-field of the Revolution.

It is the same old flag to which the surrender at Yorktown gave our fathers the final victory.

It is the same old flag that Taylor and Scott carried to victory from field to field in Mexico.

And nearer to us and our time, it is the same flag that

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these comrades carried in 2,265 battles for the preservation of our Nation.

How the battle roll of fame thrills our hearts as we hear the name from Sumpter to Appomattox. And in our own time, it is the same flag that was over our navy at Manila Bay, over our navy at Santiago; and over our army at San Juan Hill.

It is the same flag that now is greeted from sunrise to sunrise around the world; and the same flag that at every military post of our army and on every ship of our navy, lowers at sunset to the strains of the Star Spangled Banner.

It is rich with the blod of men who died for it.

It is sanctified with the tears of mothers who gave their sons, and of wives who gave their husbands for it.

It is without a stain on its honor.

It is homely in its purpose and its power.

It is your flag and mine.

In the name of our common work of humanity, in the name of mothers and wives, and sister and daughters, whose faith guides the sons of men to high purposes and noble deeds. We, the members of the Relief Corps, Department of Kansas, present you this flag for use at this historic spot.



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### **HISTORIC PAWNEE ROCK AND ITS PRESERVATION**

Kansas has few historic spots if one consults the written histories, but in *Thrilling Life and Events*, Kansas is and has ever been rich.

The preservation of Pawnee Rock is the work of Kansas women. The need of saving this old landmark of the Old Santa Fe Trail was not felt by Kansans until the hand of commercialism had fallen heavily on the old rock and it had been blasted and quarried, and robbed of much of its original beauty.

Then a few of the less commercial and more spiritual of the people began to "sit up and take notice." The Woman's Relief Corps beheld the great desecration and mourned.

During the time of the despoiling of the rock it changed owners several times.

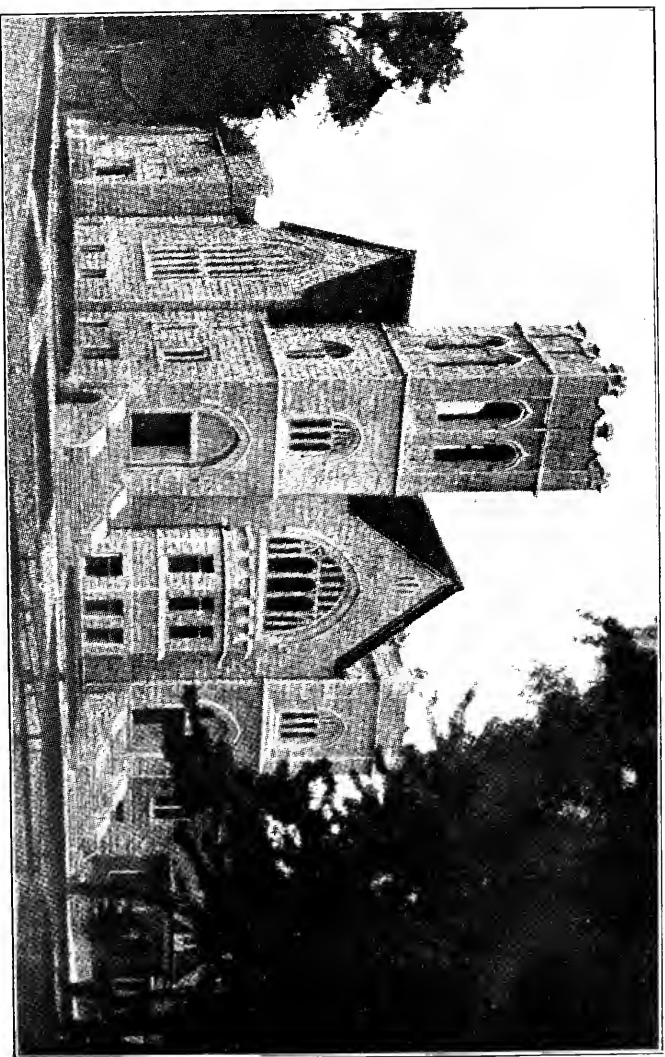
In the year 1906, in the capital city, Topeka, Kan., women, without regard to political affiliation, met on January 29, and organized "The Woman's Kansas Day Club" for the purpose of perpetuating Kansas history, teaching patriotism and establishing a comradeship among Kansas women.

At the annual meeting, January 29, 1907, the Pawnee Rock problem was discussed by prominent Kansas women. In this discussion our honored Past Department President, Mrs. Emma E. Forter, took a prominent and able part. At the close of the discussion the Woman's Kansas Day Club appointed a committee of three, with Mrs. J. S. Simmons, of Dighton, as chairman. This committee was instructed to take all necessary steps available toward securing Pawnee Rock, and they were also instructed to confer with the Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters of the American Revolution committees.

Several efforts were made to obtain an offer of sale for this rock, but the best offer attainable was an offer to sell it for the sum of \$3,000.

As the Woman's Kansas Day Club was absolutely without funds, the idea of buying this property was absurd.

In October, 1907, Mrs. J. S. Simmons went to Pawnee Rock to personally interview Mr. Benjamin P. Unruh, who at this time owned the rock, and was operating a rock quarry on the top of the historic rock. Mr. Unruh is a Poland Russian by birth, a minister and a man of high principles. In the interview with him Mrs. Simmons found a cultured gentleman and a good American citizen. Mr. Unruh had not appreciated the rock from its historic value, but like the Kansas women, he desired to see it saved. Mrs. Simmons urged Mr. Unruh to give the rock to the State of Kansas. Mr. Unruh urged the buying of the rock by the state or by the Woman's Kansas Day Club. His argument



First Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas



PAWNEE ROCK



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that it was easier for the many women of the club or for the big State of Kansas to make the gift, undoubtedly was sound argument. Mrs. Simmons showed him the absolute inability to buy the rock without money on the part of the women and the inability to secure the appropriation by the State of Kansas.

Ultimately the matter resolved into the following proposition: Mr. Unruh was to give the historic Pawnee Rock and five acres of land for a public park, to be owned by the State of Kansas, said property to the value of \$3,000, if Kansas women would place improvement thereon, said improvements to cost not less than \$3,000, and to include an avenue 100 feet wide, leading from the town of Pawnee Rock up to the historic rock, a sidewalk of cement four feet wide on one side of the avenue, and a fence on both sides of the avenue, a dove wire fence enclosing the entire park, a well and windmill on top of the rock and shade trees along both sides of the avenue and in the entire park, several hundred in number.

The evening of January 26, 1908, Mrs. Simmons met in Topeka with Mrs. Marian Stratton Nation, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Mrs. William Eugene Stanley, President of the Kansas State Daughters of the American Revolution, and Miss Grace Meeker, the able and interested worker for the marking of the Old Santa Fe Trail.

At this meeting it was decided to advise in the report to the Woman's Kansas Day Club, that the effort to secure and preserve Pawnee Rock be made, the Daughters of the American Revolution promising to give all possible aid to the project, and the Woman's Relief Corps promising to try to give one-third of the required \$3,000.

Mrs. Simmons, in a speech before the Woman's Kansas Day Club, on January 29, 1908, gave a report of the work above set forth, with the result of the work being assumed by the Woman's Kansas Day Club, in conjunction with the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Simmons was elected president of the Woman's Day Club, and ordered to take whatever steps she saw fit toward securing Pawnee Rock. Mrs. Simmons assumed the responsibility of conducting this enterprise and raising this money. There was at the time about \$50 in the Woman's Kansas Day Club's treasury.

The first necessity was a board of trustees, empowered to act for the club and other orders, so that all business might be legally transacted. Mrs. Simmons called a meeting of the Woman's Kansas Day Club's executive board, which was composed of the officers of that club. At this meeting, Mrs. Simmons submitted to the board her plan, as follows: To select seven women from among the members of the Woman's Kansas Day Club, who should constitute a

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Woman's Kansas Day Club Pawnee Rock committee. These members of this committee to be named by the Woman's Kansas Day Club president, and elected or rejected by the executive board. It had been requested previously by Mrs. Marian Stratton Nation, President of the Department of Kansas Woman's Relief Corps, that Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, of Abilene, should be a member of this board, to expressly represent the interests of the W. R. C. And Mrs. William Eugene Stanley, President of Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution, also requested Mrs. Lavina J. Semper, of Sterling, to represent on this board the interests of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Simmons, President of the Woman's Kansas Day Club, presented about a dozen names of prominent Kansas women and from the number presented the following women were elected by the Woman's Kansas Day Club executive board: Mrs. W. A. Johnston, Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, Mrs. Grace Bowman, Mrs. J. S. Simmons, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Mrs. Lavina J. Semper, Mrs. W. Y. Morgan.

It was further the plan of Mrs. Simmons to secure such legislation as would be necessary to make this a state board, empowered to transact business in the name of the State of Kansas. Through the kind assistance of Secretary George Martin, Senator G. L. Chapman and Representative George Plumb, a law was passed, ordering the governor of the State of Kansas to accept the deeds to Pawnee Rock when the same should be presented to him, and also ordering him to appoint a state commission from the members of the Woman's Kansas Day Club, at the request of the Woman's Kansas Day Club President, and to appoint such women as she might name. Eventually, this state board was appointed by Governor Hoch: Mrs. W. Y. Morgan, of Hutchinson; Mrs. W. A. Johnston, Topeka; Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Courtland; Mrs. Ida Wilson Moore, Abilene; Mrs. Lavina J. Semper, Sterling; Mrs. Grace Bowman, Pawnee Rock; Mrs. J. S. Simmons, Hutchinson. Mrs. W. Y. Morgan resigned, and the vacancy was filled by Mr. M. E. Heyress, of Pawnee Rock.

The women who have served on this board have donated all time and all expenses of all kinds, doing the work for the love of the country. The burden of the work has fallen on the western members of the board. Mr. M. E. Heynes deserves great credit for the able manner in which he cared for the work of making improvements. The work of securing a contract with Mr. Unruh, by the terms of which he donated five acres of ground, including the Pawnee Rock, was the result of the efforts of Mrs. Simmons. By the terms of this contract the park was to be improved in the sum of not less than \$3,000, this making Mr Unruh's gift of rock and land \$3,000, and the women's gift of improvements \$3,000.

The improvements necessary, however, cost far to exceed \$3,000, and as the report will show, this work and its suc-

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cess are very largely due to the efforts of Mrs. Simmons:

### EXPENDITURES

|                                |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Road .....                     | \$ 500 00 |
| Recording .....                | 2 60      |
| Avenue fence .....             | 18 55     |
| Labor and sand .....           | 124 75    |
| Posts and nails .....          | 23 33     |
| Sidewalk .....                 | 190 09    |
| Windmill, tower and pipe ..... | 64 90     |
| Trees .....                    | 25 00     |
| Drilling well .....            | 84 50     |
| Cement ...                     | 150 00    |
| Hauling dirt .....             | 135 70    |
| Hauling dirt, and labor .....  | 132 05    |
| Labor, fence, etc. ....        | 106 04    |

Total .....\$2030 70

### IMPROVEMENTS

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Cash Expended .....        | \$2030 70 |
| Donation on fence .....    | 500 00    |
| Donation on cement .....   | 157 50    |
| Donation on freight .....  | 200 00    |
| Donation on work .....     | 221 50    |
| Donation on windmill ..... | 25 00     |
| Fence .....                | 423 28    |

Total value .....\$3134 70

Monument .....\$1500 00

\$4634 70

Unlisted improvements .....281 95

Total .....\$4916 65

This fund was raised as follows:

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| By Mrs. J. S. Simmons .....                        | \$2738 31 |
| By Mrs. A. H. Horton .....                         | 100 00    |
| By Mrs. E. W. Hoch .....                           | 200 00    |
| By Mrs. Cora G. Lewis .....                        | 55 00     |
| By D. A. R. ....                                   | 205 00    |
| By W. R. C., the flag that veiled the monument and | 159 00    |
| State Federation of Women's Clubs .....            | 50 00     |
| By W. C. T. U. ....                                | 50 00     |
| Citizens of Pawnee Rock .....                      | 1359 34   |

Total .....\$4916 65

The contract for the \$1,500 monument was given to Mr. Charles W. Guild, of Topeka, in September, 1911. January 29, 1912, an invitation was extended by the citizens of Pawnee Rock to the Woman's Kansas Day Club, inviting the club to join with them in preparing for the unveiling service. The President of the club, thinking the invitation one to herself personally, failed to bring the matter before the club for action, but her successor, Mrs. Scott Hopkins, gave the mat-

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ter proper recognition. Mrs. Hopkins could not meet with the Pawnee Rock citizens, and appointed Mrs. J. S. Simmons a committee to act in the President's capacity.

The program and all arrangements for the services of unveiling the monument were made by the citizens of Pawnee Rock, and by the western members of the state board, and submitted and approved by the Woman's Kansas Day Club president. All unveiling expenses were paid by the citizens of Pawnee Rock, and are not included in the above table of expenses.

The unveiling of the monument occurred May 24, 1912. The day was ideal and a vast concourse of people were present. Mrs. Cora M. Deputy, who presented the flag which veiled the monument, the gift of the Kansas Woman's Relief Corps, to the citizens of Pawnee Rock, represented the Woman's Relief Corps in a very able manner and her stirring and patriotic address was worthy of the order she represented.

This report would be incomplete without mention of Miss Margaret Perkins, who so graciously compiled "Echoes of Pawnee Rock," the little book which now has a place in many Kansas homes.

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### **WHY WE ARE INTERESTED IN PRESERVING PAWNEE ROCK**

By Ella Wilson Moore, Past National Secretary

The Woman's Relief Corps has the unique distinction of being the only society represented on this program, which is auxiliary to a men's organization, and that men's organization is the Grand Army of the Republic.

The cause which led to the organization of relief societies was war.

When President Lincoln issued his first call for 75,000 volunteers, a little band of noble, brave and loyal women of Bridgeport, Conn., realizing that war meant wounds, death and suffering, organized a relief society for the purpose of sending aid, comfort and medical supplies to the soldiers.

Similar organizations sprang up all over the loyal North, and there was scarcely a company of soldiers who went to the war, that there was not a corresponding organization of loyal women who gave time, money and labor in order to render them assistance.

When the war closed these various societies, believing their work was ended, disbanded. But it soon became evident that the work of the loyal women of our land was not ended, and will not end, until the last old soldier reaches the Eternal Camping Ground.

Efforts were made to unite these organizations under one title, and finally, in 1883, in response to an invitation from the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, represen-

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tatives from these various organizations from sixteen (16) states, met in Denver and there perfected a national organization known as the Woman's Relief Corps.

This organization was then adopted by the Grand Army Encampment, then in session, as its Auxiliary, and for twenty-nine years we have had the privilege of working side by side with that organization of American patriots.

From the little band of forty-two representative women who assembled in Denver in 1883, we have grown into an organization numbering almost 165,000 loyal women, having for its motto: Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, the same broad foundation of principles upon which was founded the Grand Army of the Republic. Fraternity—human brotherhood—which is ever ready to extend the warm hand of friendship and a heart full of sympathy to every soldier who offered his life that his country might live. Charity—the sister word of love—which not only feeds the hungry, comforts the distressed, binds up the wounds of the afflicted, but which always is ready to spread its broad mantle over the short comings of our fellowmen. Loyalty—which prompts us to assist the Grand Army of the Republic and to perpetuate the memory of its heroic dead. To emulate the deeds of our army nurses and of all loyal women who rendered loving service to their country in its hour of peril. To maintain true allegiance to this United States. To inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live.

And as a loyal organization, we are profoundly interested in our country's history. No one can be truly loyal to his country without knowing its history. We are interested in its history from Jamestown and Plymouth Rock, all down the three centuries in which it has attained its present stage of high development. We are interested in watching and preserving the trail of its pioneers from the time they left the Atlantic, crossed the Alleghanies, floated down the Ohio, came over the Mississippi and up the Missouri, then bravely set out across these plains, climbed the Rockies, and descended to the placid shores of the Pacific. We are interested in preserving all the landmarks which indicate the many difficult steps which led to the upbuilding on this continent of a country so well worthy of the sacrifice, blood and treasure given for its preservation from 1861 to 1865.

The dedication of this monument marks an era in the history of our state, and when in future years the children and children's children of the old veterans, together with the thousands of their fellow citizens, shall gather around this monument, they will be reminded of the beginnings of that wonderful transformation from the lonesomeness and immensity of these then unpeopled boundless plains except as the abode of the buffalo and wild Indian, into a land of cultivated fields and farms and comfortable homes, inhabited by energetic, cultured, law-abiding men, women and child-

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ren, and surrounded by churches, school houses and all the elements, conveniences and comforts of our modern Christian civilization.

The Woman's Relief Corps is especially pleased to contribute its mite and join with you in word and song on this memorable occasion of the dedication of this monument to those pioneers who "blazed the pathway of Western Civilization."



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The following Department Officers were elected, appointed and installed for the coming year:

President, Kate C. Killmer, No. 177, 1015 Ohio Avenue, Kansas City, Kan.

Senior Vice-President, Minnie Beach, No. 40, Wichita.

Junior Vice-President, Agnes Michaelis, No. 25, Nickerson.

Secretary, Edith Scott, No. 177, Kansas City, Kan., 3501 Silver Avenue.

Treasurer, Emolyn Norman, No. 3, Olathe.

Chaplain, Elfie Howe, No. 76, Parsons.

Patriotic Instructor, Alice Hoffman, No. 40, Wichita.

Inspector, Jennie V. L. Brewster, No. 259, Baxter Springs.

Counselor, Emma Forter, No. 206, Marysville.

I. and I. Officer, Anna Butler, No. 56, Arkansas City.

Press Correspondent, May Murphy, No. 1, Kansas City.

Chief of Staff and Senior Aide, Pocahontas Skinner, No.

4, Paola.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Florence A. Bunn, Chairman, No. 241, LaCrosse.

Emma J. Maunder, No. 67, Washington.

Louise Van Dyne, No. 40, Wichita.

Kate Pond, No. 51, Salina.

Mary A. Randolph, No. 70, Emporia.

### AUDITING COMMITTEE

Florence Bunn, Chairman.

Emma J. Maunder.

Kate Pond.

### DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1912.

Luella Woodward, No. 110, McPherson, Delegate-at-Large.

Winnifred Jenkins, No. 238, Seneca, Alternate-at-Large.

### DELEGATES

Emma Fisher, No. 208, Wellington.

Nona Munsen, No. 10, Clay Center.

### ALTERNATES

Kate Lewis, No. 70, Emporia.

Margaret Anderson, No. 145, Iola.

### DISTRICT DELEGATES

Carrie D. Frisbie, No. 94, Topeka.

Agnes Heigele, No. 145, Iola.

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Mary Brown, No. 74, Concordia.  
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Florence Bunn, No. 241, LaCrosse.  
Emma Zimmerman, No. 40, Wichita.

### DISTRICT ALTERNATES

Lydia Cessna, No. 271, Military Home.  
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Esther Hultz, No. 84, Cherryvale.  
Mary Smythe, No. 133, Eureka  
Emma Engborg, No. 51, Salina  
Mary Richardson, No. 174, Burr Oak.  
Laverna Williamson, No. 71, Newton.  
Minnie Titus, No. 240, Garden City.

The following officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Kansas, were elected at the Thirty-first Annual Convention, at Wichita:

Department Commander, J. N. Harrison, Ottawa.

Department Senior Vice-Commander, J. M. Tarbell, Beloit.

Junior Vice-Commander, C. A. Meek, Wichita.

Chaplain, Rev. S. S. Martin, Holton.

Medical Director, E. D. F. Phillips, Dodge City.

Assistant Adjutant General, W. W. Dennison, Topeka.



"I pledge Allegiance to my Flag,  
And to the Republic  
For which it stands  
One Nation indivisible;  
With Liberty and Justice for all."  
Frank E. Bellamy



Yours Very Sincerely  
Frank E. Bellamy



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